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Car hits man in Dandan NAP recipients urged to also

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE REPORTER

man was seriously injured after a vehicle hit him as he was crossing Chalan Monsignor Guerrero . Road near MangoSix Restaurant in Dandan last Friday night.

Witnesses said the victim is a manager of Best Sunshine International Ltd. who stays in an inn near the area.

As of press time there was no update from the Department of Public Safety about the victim's medical condition at the Commonwealth Health Center.

DPS has yet to release infor-

>> Victim said to be a Best **Sunshine** manager

mation about the accident. Saipan Tribune learned from witnesses that it was dark

in the area where the accident happened at about 10pm. See CAR on Page 4



Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services medics attend to a man who was injured after a car struck him as he was crossing Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road in front of the MangoSix Restaurant in Dandan last Friday night.

join workforce

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres reiterated that his administration's goal is to reduce the number of Nutrition Assistance Program recipients in the CNMI and at the same time encourage family members who are eligible to work to fill the labor shortage the island is experiencing.

NAP is a federal aid program that gives assistance to low-income or no-income people with their food purchasing needs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture administers the program, also

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By JON PEREZ

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Louise Concepcion has Stage 4 colorectal cancer, with cell growth already spreading to her lungs. She accepts that she's dying but before that happens, she hopes that she and other patients would still get the chance to obtain affordable medication.

That's why she supports the plan of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to apply for the 340B Drug Pricing Program since it would help CNMI patients, especially the middle class, to afford the

ON PEREZ

Cancer patient Louise Concepcion is hoping the 340B Drug Pricing Program would finally be implemented in the CNMI.

medicines they need.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna, in a report on the Saipan Tribune, said the hospital could enjoy low-cost medicine, improved quality care, and possible profit generation if the hospital controls the outpatient pharmacy.

The 340B program under the federal government was created in 1992, requiring drug manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies to provide outpatient medicines to eligible healthcare groups and other entities at a muchreduced cost.

Concepcion, who is now 58 years old, is a retired procurement officer of the CNMI Public School System and lives solely on her monthly pension. She believes the

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LOCAL

The Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival draws in 53 fishers.

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The lone suspect who attacked Resorts World Manila was a heavily indebted Filipino.

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A series of attacks in London killed six people and injured more than 30 others.

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Local

Man, 65, allegedly attacked niece's husband inside arcade

A 65-year-old man allegedly smacked the ear of the hus-

band of his pregnant niece a tire wrench inside a poker and tried to attack him with arcade in Koblerville on

Vicente Sablan Basa was

Torres told Saipan Tribune

that Aldan's work and his

passion to serve the Northern

Islands was legendary and up

until his death, Aldan fought

hard to preserve the island to

enable the people of Pagan to

away, he protected Pagan

and its people because he

wanted them to return home,

he wanted to make this pos-

sible under his administra-

tion...because they were

exiled to Saipan since 1981,"

According to Torres, the

Aldan's mother, Clotilde

Aldan, said she is truly grate-

ful to the Eucon University

According to SNIMC vice

chair Diego Kaipat, Eucon

University particularly noted

Aldan's plan to establish

noni planting on the island of

Pagan as a source of revenue

for honoring her son.

and employment.

people of Pagan have long been awaiting the day when they could return to the island.

"Till the time he passed

save Pagan.

return home.

Torres said.

arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing

> the peace. The police report did not indicate the motive for the attack. It alleged, however, that Basa was drunk at that time.

A police officer was dispatched to a call on Thursday at 4:34pm about a disturbance at KB Poker in Koblerville.

Another police officer also responded and arrested Basa, who was inside his car that was parked on the other side of the building.

Police said that prior to police. (Ferdie de la Torre)

the incident, the 35-year-old victim and his 7-month pregnant wife were playing inside KB Poker. Later, Basa's wife came and also played poker.

Basa then came in and smacked the victim's left ear.

The victim's wife got in between to prevent the fight.

Basa pulled a tier wrench from his pants. As Basa was allegedly about to swing the tier wrench, the victim threw a chair at him.

As a result, Basa lost his balance and fell. The victim and his wife ran outside and called the

Mayor's office finally gets new bucket truck

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kbautista1222@gmail.com REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office has received a new bucket truck to aid with its mission of beautifying the island, according to the operations manager Joann Aquino

The new equipment requested by Saipan Mayor David Apatang finally arrived on island two weeks ago.

The newly truck can lift up to 500 lbs up to 55 feet off of the ground.

The truck underwent inspection for two weeks and was finally released to the office Thursday.

Aquino said there are currently four mayor's office staff who are undergoing certification training to operate the machine.

Apatang said the truck cost between \$70,000 and \$100,000. The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation funded the truck.

According to Apatang,

funds were set aside for the truck two to three months ago and it took awhile before the truck arrived on Saipan.

With the new equipment, the Saipan Mayor's Office will now be pruning trees across the island and trimming trees that have not been cut in a while. This allows the office to carry out its tree-trimming projects without having to rely on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Apatang and his office are extremely grateful for the budget that was set for the truck.

This week a specialist from the Professional Training Technology Inc. that is stationed in Guam, Davey Doby, came out to train the operators on the basics of operating the machine and the safety precautions each operator should take when working a bucket truck.

According to Doby, the operators were required to attend a safety bucket truck-training course that consisted of class lectures and hands-on training.

in prison for 'ice' possession

A probationer who pleaded guilty plea to illegal possession of methamphetamine or sessed 0.5 gross grams of "ice" was slapped with two crystal methamphetamine on

James Palacios Hemley was sentenced Tuesday to two years in prison. He was also directed to serve six months of his suspended sentence for violating the terms and conditions of his probation in three traffic cases, with credit for 10 months of time served. That means Hemley shall be released from the Department of Corrections on Feb 1, 2019. He was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine.

Last Jan. 10, Hemley plead-

Probationer gets 30 months

years and six months in prison. Saipan on March 18, 2016.

ed guilty.

According to the basis of the plea deal, Hemley pos-

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government at the hearing. Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for the defendant.

Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested Hemley on April 28, 2016, for illegal possession and trafficking of "ice." He was later released after agreeing to cooperate with task force investigation against illegal drugs. He later reneged on the agreement. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Eucon honors Aldan's work on Pagan

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA REPORTER

Eucon University honored the late Northern Islands mayor Jerome Aldan last Friday with a plaque that recognizes all ing the island of Pagan.

Aldan's mother and relatives received the plaque in his honor during the university's graduation ceremony.

Aldan passed away in February this year.

According to Eucon ad-

visory board member and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council consultant William Torres, the award is historic as it is the first of its kind in the CNMI.

According to Torres, he

and Aldan worked closely to



The family of former Northern Islands mayor Jerome Aldan receives a plaque from the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council and the Eucon University board. KIMBRERLY BAUTISTA

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Former Correction officer's motion for acquittal denied

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo has denied former Corrections officer Ray Anthony Maratita Camacho's motion to be acquitted of assaulting an inmate inside the Department of Corrections.

In an order on Wednesday, Govendo said the evidence shows that Camacho's actions "were unlawful beyond a reasonable doubt."

He said regulation clearly bars the use of chokeholds yet there was ample testimony that Camacho used a chokehold on Ryan Cavalear.

Govendo found credible the testimony of Corrections officer Jesse Taitano, who characterized Camacho's hold as a guillotine lock, a type of sleeper hold prohibited by Correction policies and procedures.

Further, Govendo said, police officer Paul Ichihara testified seeing marks on Cavalear's neck and noticed that Cavalear was in considerable pain.

Govendo said Taitano and Ichihara's testimonies are consistent with the court's finding that Camacho used a prohibited chokehold on Cavalear and that such action is "unlawful."

Therefore, the judge said, he finds that the term "unlawful" as applied to the facts of this case is not vague.

Following an eight-day bench trial, last April 18 Govendo found the 37-yearold Camacho guilty of assault and battery over the beating of Cavalear at Corrections on April 1, 2016.

Sentencing will be on June 6, 2017, at 1:30pm.

During the trial, Camacho, through counsel Colin Thompson, twice moved for a motion for judgment of acquittal, once after the government rested and another at the close of all evidence.

The latter motion for judgment of acquittal additionally argued that the assault and battery statute is unconstitutionally vague as applied to the facts of the case.

Govendo denied both motions.

Camacho, through counsel, urged the court once more to determine its motion for judgment of acquittal.

In denying the defendant's renewed motion, Govendo said a motion for judgment of acquittal pursuant to Rule 29 is inapplicable in bench trials.

Nevertheless, Govendo considered the merits of Camacho's motion, particularly whether the term "unlawful" in the assault and battery statute is unconstitutionally vague.

As the term "unlawful" relates to those acts that are contrary to regulations, Camacho argued that Correction's policies and regulations do not clearly indicate whether chokeholds are prohibited as an appropriate use of force technique.

Govendo finds in the con-

Govendo said Correction's

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The judge noted that Cor-

rection's policies and regula-

tions state that "chokeholds,

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prohibited.



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Eucon valedictorian aims to be doctor

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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Eucon University's high school graduation last Friday

saw 10 students of the Class of 2017 moving on to pursue higher education.

Lenard Marcial, who led the class as the recipient of the

president's award, which is Eucon's equivalent of a valedictorian, said he wants to be a missionary doctor one day.

"I plan to take a couple of



LENARD MARCIA



Dean's Award



OBADIAH CHANG Principal's Award

President's Award

BETTY ZHANG



classes here in Eucon to further my spiritual excellence before going on to the U.S. to pursue pre-medicine and hopefully become a missionary doctor," he said.

Marcial plans to take his first semester in Eucon before visiting relatives in the Philippines and finally attending classes at Pensacola Christian College in Florida.

Following Marcial in ranking was Betty Zhang. Zhang, recipient of the dean's award, which is Eucon's equivalent of a salutatorian, plans to finish a business degree from Arkansas' Ouachita Baptist University.

"It is an excellent business

school, so I decided to go there," said Zhang.

Zhang wishes to get a master's degree but she is still undecided as to where she plans to get it.

At Eucon, a third award known as the principal's award goes to the most improved student. Recipient Obadiah Chang has no particular choice on where he wants to go to college.

Chang said he wished to become a missionary and plans to achieve it by taking up a Bible major at Florida's Pensacola Christian College.

Chang is also interested in Eucon's master's degree in theology

CAR

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The victim, an Asian male, was holding a cellphone and had crossed the highway from the front of MangoSix toward Just Laundry.

A white Rav 4, being driven by a man, was traveling toward San Jose when it struck the pedestrian. The pedestrian was thrown several meters away. The vehicle had a huge

dent on its hood.

Police officers and medics from the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services arrived. While medics did attend to the victim, it took about 25 minutes before an ambulance came, a witness said.

The victim, who was wearing a dark shirt, was earlier seen using his cellphone while walking on the dimly lit area on the shoulder of the road in front of MangoSix.

Police placed the incident

NAP

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known as the food stamp program, under Food and Nutrition Services.

Eucon University's Class of 201.

The CNMI would be getting an additional \$30.5 million in federal funding, which was approved by USDA with the help of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

Torres, in last week's presentation at the NAP office in As Lito, said that NAP recipients would get a significant increase of 39 percent more from the amount they have been receiving; more households will also be eligible for the program. There's a 42-percent increase in the number of recipients, from 2,600 households to 3,800.

We had this opportunity to bring in \$30 million here and assist those families who are in need. We're reaching more in the community. At the end of the day, the community and the business sectors would benefit. This is a short-term program to assist families in need...[and] encourage people to enter the workforce," said Torres

"This is not to be considered a benefit that's going to be forever. It is short term to assist families [under the program] with their needs. Ultimately, we want [people] to come out and work either as a skilled worker or you need to go to [the Northern Marianas Trades Institute]. The government is providing scholarship to institutions."

Torres thanked Sablan, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter, and NAP administrator Walter Macaranas for their help in implementing the program that was introduced in 2014 through the Agricultural Act.

He added that his administration has been encouraging recipients, who have family members that are capable of working, to enter the workforce to address the rising labor demand. "We know that there are a lot of very capable workers out there. Come out and assist the government and private sector in joining the workforce."

ERWIN ENCINARES

"That's one thing that I'm saying... As much as we want to help those families in need, we also want to...encourage them to come out and help us in the workforce. It is important that the food program recipients understand that in three years from now it is going to be reduced."

Torres said the increase in the amount and number of recipients would only last for three years and it would be reduced after that. "It is not going to be here for a long time. Let us not abuse the system that is here to assist you. ... That had been the administration's goal from the

beginning."

Four-vear plan

Sablan said the USDA approved the CNMI's plan to spend the increased benefit in four years and then transition the program to plastic cards. "A new computerized eligibility system is also being installed, making possible a conversion to plastic electronic benefit cards by 2019. Doing away with paper food stamps will increase security and convenience.

"Equal treatment for the Marianas under federal programs is a longstanding goal of your congressional office. We have been moving toward that goal since I was sworn in with a 13.6 percent food aid increase in 2010," said Sablan. "Another \$1 million in fiscal 2012, aided by the late governor Eloy S. Inos, and in 2014 increases for Rota and the Northern Islands (68 percent) and Tinian (28 percent) to make up for higher food costs there."

Sablan said the plastic debit card would reduce the cost of printing paper food coupons and cut fraud. "It will be more convenient for store owners and for our NAP beneficiaries. The electronic benefit system is still to come but the initial work has started. And it is all being paid for with the pilot program money I worked for in 2014."

He added that he would also invite USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue to the CNMI as part of his efforts to extend SNAP here in the Commonwealth. "We will need his support if we want to get an extension into the next Farm Bill. A visit here would get him to our side."

Food security

Hunter said the new system ensures food security for recipients and at the same time get more people into the job market. "This is tremendously

important to the people who depend on food assistance. It improves their food and nutrition options, and food security for their families."

"If you are earning a little bit more, you could still avail yourself of food assistance, which is tremendously important to us in getting people into the job market."

NAP administrator Macaranas said they would submit to U.S. Congress all information that they would have in the new program for its enhancement. "What we have is a four-year plan to increase benefits and eligibility standards, and use some of that money on a new system. It is a Web-based system..."

The electronic benefit card would begin in January 2019, the same period when CNMI NAP is looking to complete its eligibility system. All NAP recipients would still receive coupons with an increased amount, depending on the income of each household.

340B

hospital could qualify for the program, but politics gets in the way.

"The 340B is a good program, that's why I don't understand some people. It is a drug-pricing program that provides 20 to 50 percent discount on manufactured medicines. Why is the program not implemented here when it was in 1992 when the program started?" Concepcion told Saipan Tribune.

"The program began in 1992. Why not implement it here? It is worth trying but they are not trying at all. The hospital could have qualified but there are some political issues. Something is wrong."

She added that she's trying to start a petition but her declining health prevents her. "The territories are included, for those who would qualify. But if I don't get my medication in a timely manner, everyday [cancer cells] would multiply."

Concepcion also reacted to the statement of Sen. Teresita

Santos (R-Rota), who does not support CHCC's plan to take over the pharmacy's operations from PHI Pharmacy, whose lease at the Commonwealth Health Center would expire in August this year.

"It broke my heart what Sen. Santos said. It really hurts me when Sen. Santos said that [the hospital's] funds should be focused on toilet tissues. pillowcases, and bed sheets. What good is that when people are dying," she added.

She pointed out that cancer is not a cheap disease and she could have save a lot if 340B

is implemented here. The docoral chemotherapy pill that costs \$6,000 for a supply that lasts only 21 days.

"In 2015, the cost of chemotherapy per treatment, one cycle, is \$20,000 and sometimes I need to have six cycles. I don't make \$120,000 a year. You see how expensive it is? People don't want to get cancer and that's the reason why 340B needs to come in," said Concepcion.

She said healthcare is supposed to either prevent diseases or save and extend lives. "It

really hurts me when people tor has put her on Stivarga, an or public officials are saying that. My life now is too short How many deaths or people like me would be sacrificed for this? The 340B program is not only for poor people, it is for all, even for people who fall between the cracks."

"I'm not wealthy but I'm not poor. I'm from a middle income earning family. I'm retired, living on pension. You tell me my life is not important? That's why I'm asking [government officials], please support the hospital. Is the private sector more important than people's lives?"

Concepcion believes she could have gotten the medicines she needs at a cheaper price if the 340B program was implemented years ago. "I'm dying and I have nothing to lose. If 340B could have come here, I could have afforded my medicines at a cheaper price. I don't qualify for Medicaid."

"Allow CHCC to apply. Things have changed and people made mistakes before. But please allow them to make the changes and to improve. Allow me and other patients to have affordable medication."

ESFDB holds promotion rites for its students

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja held a promotion ceremony for two junior high and nine Kindergarten students on Monday, May 29, at the San Francisco de Borja Church.

Members of the Class of 2017 beamed as they received their diplomas. Cheers rained down as family members, friends, guest, and schoolmates congratulated the graduates.

Marvin Clitar was the Class of 2017 valedictorian. Class salutatorian was Jeremy John Atalig II.

Clitar was also awarded the Monsignor Louis Antonelli Award and Presidential Academic Award, while Atalig also got the Board of Director's Award, Presidential Academic Award, and Leadership Award.

Special awards were also presented to the Kindergarten class. Marayna Lae A. Castro got the Star Reader Award, Language Award, and Penmanship Award. Princess Gin L. Mahusay got the Shining Star Reader Award and Penmanship Award. Nu'Cean F. Manglona was the Saint Joseph awardee. Prudencio A. Manglona IV was also a Saint Joseph awardee. Dane O. Mesngon got the Shining Star Reader Award, Language

Award, and Math Award. Matthew Parenteau was presented with the Shining Star Reader Award and Math Award. Samantha Parenteau got the Most Improved Award, while Anthony M. Pernitez was a Shining Star Reader awardee. Branden Asher P. Reyel got the Superstar Reader Award, Language Award and Math Award. (ESFDB)

Junior high and Kindergarten graduates have their picture taken with the Most Rev. Ryan Jimenez, bishop of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa.

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Kilili: OSHA penalties vs casino contractors some of the largest

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) issued the following statement Thursday on proposed penalties totaling \$193,750 by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, against three Saipan casino construction companies for numerous workplace hazards:

"These are some of the largest penalties OSHA has issued this year across the nation, underscoring the seriousness of the safety and health violations found at the Imperial Pacific Resort construction site last December.

"It should go without saying that the health of our economy is compromised when the health and lives of our workers are in jeopardy. All workers deserve safe places of employment.

"I met with OSHA administrators in Washington early this year to urge them to maintain strict oversight of the Imperial Pacific worksite, and I

met with Labor Secretary [Alexander] Acosta last month to thank him for the work OSHA is doing in the Marianas. I applaud OSHA for taking action to ensure safe workplaces in our islands."

OSHA announced last week citations against Imperial Pacific's prime contractor. MCC International Saipan Ltd. Co., and MCC's subcontractors Nanjing BeiLiDa New Materials System Engineering Co., and Gold Mantis Construction Decoration, Saipan LLC for a total of 24 health and safety violations. The companies have 15 business days from the date of receipt of citations and proposed penalties to respond. Another OSHA investigation involving the death of a worker at the Saipan casino construction site last March is pending.

Sablan is a ranking member of the House Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. *(PR)*

Then-USPS officer allegedly stole package

A then-U.S. Postal Service officer allegedly stole a package from the Chalan Kanoa Post Office last March 6. The indictment charged Mark Tyquiengco with mail theft and theft of mail by postal service employee.

According to the indictment, which was filed in the

U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday, Tyquiengco took a package from a post office box.

The indictment also has a notice of criminal forfeiture. No other details were provided in the indictment. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*







Rev. Masakazu Kawakami poses with PDI president Masanori Takahashi, Pacific Eagle president Willy Matsumoto, and Shikogakuen members who are holding up photos of their loved ones



Rev. Kawakami of Shikogakuen Mission presents a small token of appreciation to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion.

Shikogakuen group makes annual pilgrimage to CNMI

Twenty-two members of the Shikogakuen Mission group arrived on Saipan last May 25 for their 29th annual tradition of honoring the war dead and praying for world peace in the sacred grounds of Marpi, where many lives were lost during World War II.

Pacific Development Inc. managing director Gordon Marciano said the members held a solemn ceremony at the memorial monument in Banzai Cliff.

"Members of the mission offered flowers, sake, and prayer for peace and those that lost their life during the war," Marciano said.

The Shikougakuen Mission is a religious organization that started on Aug. 15, 1945. The mission built the memorial monuments on Banzai Cliff in October 1988 and has continued to offer prayers not only for those who perished here during World War II, but for people of all nations who died because of wars.

Rev. Masakazu Kawakami also met with Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion to present a small token of appreciation.

Marciano added Kawakami also met with a long-time friend, J.M Guerrero, a former Marianas Visitors Board managing director, who was instrumental in the planning and construction of the Shikogakuen monument during his tenure.

Kawakami said the Shikogakuen Mission looks forward to their 30th visit to the island. (PR)



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Marshalls get \$6.5M Compact grants

WASHINGTON, Acting Assistant Secretary Nikolao Pula has made available \$6,460,739 for infrastructure projects under the Compact of Free Association between the U.S. and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The funds will support school construction on Majuro and Ebeye islands and make improvements to the Wellness Center kitchen at the hospital in Majuro. They also fund a variety of other projects on Ebeve.

"These funds are provided to support worthy projects

previously approved by the Delap school is to replace the Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee, a bilateral committee established under the Compact Agreement," said Pula. "I look forward to the quick execution of these projects for the benefit of communities on Majuro and Ebeye."

The Public Sector Infrastructure Grants are as follow:

■ North Delap Elementary School (phase 2) -**\$1,523,995** provides for an additional two-story building with 4 classrooms. The North worn down Uliga school. Two schools, North Delap and Rita Elementary Schools serve the Rita district where a majority of the Majuro population resides.

■ Majuro Hospital Kitchen **- \$19,151** will be used towards completing the relocation of the hospital kitchen to the Wellness Center which is connected to the hospital. Founded 12 years ago, the Wellness Center purpose is to reverse rising incidences of diabetes in the Marshall Islands through lifestyle intervention, education, and local food production and consumption.

■ Ebeye Elementary School (phase 1) - \$3,662,700 to fund a new school building with 16 classrooms on Ebeye which has the second highest student population in the Marshall Islands next to Majuro.

Relocation ■ Housing **Ebeye Elementary School: \$198,940** to fund relocation costs related to preparing new school building site.

The Kwajalein Development Fund Projects are as follow:

- Ebeye Emergency Dock Repair - \$500,000 to repair erosion and structural damage to the Ebeye Dock.
- **■** Ebeve Recreation Facility - \$498,553 to repair the only recreation facility available on Ebeve which needs roof and other repairs to ensure a safe location for recreation.
- Water Transport Pilot **Project - \$57,400** to purchase water transport containers and assist the local government in water distribution system to households on Ebeye. (PR)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW-17-IFB-019

REPAIR & RENOVATION OF THE MARPI SUBSTANCE ABUSE

& REHABILITATION FACILITY-PHASE 1, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Repair & Renovation of the Marpi Substance Abuse & Rehabilitation Facility-Phase 1, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after May 22, 2017 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on June 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to

familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on June 20, 2017 to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons

who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facisimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-17-IFB-019". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time June 23, 2017. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting

a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, June 23, 2017, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 23, 2017.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencior

Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 7, 2017. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the

and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 5, 2017. Note that failure to sul

telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening

at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

Naval Base Guam

to test Giant Voice **System**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam will conduct routine testing of the vital communication and advance warning system, "Giant Voice" system June 5 starting at 3pm.

Residents in surrounding areas of the GV speakers should only hear short verbal tests of the system, including warning tones. This is a monthly test that typically falls on the first Monday of each month. (PR)

Air Force training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ June 5-7, from 8:30am to



- June 8, from 7:30am to
- June 9, from 9:30am to 1:30pm

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operatorsare advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

Notice to Prior Service Trust Fund beneficiaries

This notice applies to the Prior Service Trust Fund beneficiaries who are having their monthly benefit checks directly deposited to their account at Bank of Guam. Effective yesterday, June 1, 2017, Bank of Guam will no longer perform this service for you. In the interim, until PSTF can establish an automatic deposit clearing, PSTF will be mailing your benefit check to your mailing address on file. Contact the PSTF Administration Office at telephone number 322-9753 to confirm your current mailing address by June 1, 2017. The PSTF office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am to noon and from 1pm to 5pm. (PR)

One-day Task & **Management training**

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Island Training Solutions invites the public to a Task & Time Management seminar on Thursday, June 15, from 9am to 12pm at the Chamber's conference room at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315. The training will help you establish goals, communicate effectively, and meet deadlines, attain skills to balance home and work and learn effective techniques to increase productivity. Training fee is \$50 for Chamber member and \$55 fore non-member. Seats are limited. For more information call 234-7150 or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)

CAO to host summer camp this month

The Carolinian Affairs Office will host a summer camp for children ages 8 to 13 years old, from June 5 to June 23, across the Bank of Guam on Beach Road in Garapan. The camp will be held from Monday to Friday only, from 7:30am to 11:30am. Daily activities will focus on traditional ways and practices. Only 30 seats are available, so it's first come, first serve. Registration form available at CAO. Contact 234-6385 for more information. **PR**)



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In conformity with the Open Government Act, this is to give notice that the CRM Agency Board will engage in a Board Training to discuss Robert's Rules of Order as well as conduct an Executive Session at the upcoming Pacific Islands Environment Conference on June 13 from 12pm to 1pm.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the upcoming Agency Board meeting. For questions about the PIEC, please call BECQ at 664-8500 or visit the registration website at http://deq.gov.mp/

/s/ Frances A. Castro Division of Coastal Resources Management



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Saipan Housing Project by Zone D Development Ltd. dba Good Dynasty Ltd. Zone D Development Limited is proposing to construct six 3-story, single family residential dwellings, 12 parking stalls (two for each unit), lighting poles, landscaping, and 16 feet wide paved driveway or travel lanes. The project site is situated on private lot numbers 458-NEW-1, 458-NEW-2, and 458-NEW-3 measuring a total area of about 4,076 square meters in Chalan Piao, Saipan.

A public hearing is scheduled for June 19, 2017, 5:00PM at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Written comments may be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Zone D Saipan Housing project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro Director Division of Coastal Resources Management a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
 b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute

Acceptable assets are only:

selected contractor shall submit:

- Cash
 US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
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required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on June 23, 2017.

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred (US\$100.00) for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the

Acting Secretary of Public Works

Director of Procurement & Supply

NMC offers IT boot camp program

As part of its ongoing efforts to offer workforce enhancement programs, Northern Marianas College is once again offering the IT Boot Camp Training Program that allows participants an opportunity to advance their way to an IT certification.

Upon completing the program, participants will be able to prove in practice their command of technology and leverage it to make any organization more technologically proficient and operationally efficient.

For this round of courses, NMC's Community Development Institute is offering the following IT boot camp training courses:

- A+ training course (June 19, 2017, to June 30, 2017, from 1pm to 5pm) Upon successful completion of this 40-contact hour course, students will be able to:
- Describe and identify the internal components of a computer, Assemble and disassemble a computer system; install and upgrade an operating system, repair and troubleshoot using system tools and diagnostic software
- Upgrade and repair laptop components based on customer needs, Perform preventive maintenance and be able to trouble components of a printer/scanner
- Install and configure a network; upgrade components

and conduct preventive maintenance and perform advanced troubleshooting

- Network+ training course (July 3, 2017, to July 14, 2017, from 1pm to 5pm) Upon successful completion of this 40-contact hour course, students will be able to:
- Compare the layers of the OSI and TCP/IP models, Install and configure routers and switches; configure wireless network; troubleshoot network devices; configure and implement SOHO network; Identify and install media types; install and configure basic firewalls
- Troubleshoot physical connectivity problems and identify LAN technologies; perform network management upgrades and installation, install and configure network security applications
- Describe and understand network access security and encryption and common threats, vulnerabilities and mitigation techniques,
- Network security+ training course (Session A: July 17, 2017, to July 28, 2017, from 8am to 12pm, Session B: July 17, 2017, to July 28, 2017, from 1pm to 5pm) Upon successful completion of this 40-contact hour course, students will be able to:
- Identify security threats, fundamental concepts of computer security; Secure network

communications; Monitor the security infrastructure;

- Apply and implement secure network administration principles
- Analyze and differentiate among types of mitigation and deterrent techniques; Explain the function and purpose of authentication services
- Implement appropriate security controls when performing account management; Use and apply appropriate cryptographic tools and products

Upon successfully completing the boot camp training with a COMPTIA certified instructor, students will receive an NMC certificate of completion. The Northern Marianas College is an Academic CompTIA partner and will provide each student who completes the training with vouchers for the COMPTIA IT certification exams.

All three classes will be held at NMC's Building W computer lab. The total cost of the course is \$1,500 per student per class. Each participant will also receive the basic PC/Network toolkits, access to online lab materials, and hands-on training.

For more information, contact the NMC Community Development Institute at 237-6864/6802/6809. Registration is limited for each course, so register early to reserve your seat. (NMC)

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Trump's foolish withdrawal

resident Donald Trump's announcement Thursday that the United States will withdraw from the Paris climate agreement may prove to be the biggest miscalculation of his fledgling presidency. It appears to be driven not by an outright denial of climate change but—like his view of NATO, immigration, trade and so many other subjects—by an overheated nationalistic view that foreign countries are taking advantage of the U.S. It is applying the "America First" ideology to an issue where it is least applicable, where mutual cooperation is essential and countries share a common interest—ensuring the planet remains fit for human habitation.

After so much build-up prior to the announcement, how depressing that the president demonstrated so little understanding of the climate accord, of the threat posed by global warming, of the economic opportunities offered by green energy and of the astronomical cost of abandoning the agreement.

Perhaps the president believes there is no economic cost to this decision. If so, he is sadly mistaken. Trump may be capable of seeing the loss of jobs in coal mines or the paper, cement and steel industries that comes from reducing carbon dioxide emissions, but he fails to appreciate how sea level rise, worsening weather, loss of arable land and drinking water supplies, mass refugee migrations and other effects will dwarf the cost of the much-maligned \$100 billion "green fund" to help less developed countries meet their energy needs without expanding their carbon footprints. Does he seriously believe other countries will simply submit to his offer to renegotiate the accords to the advantage of the U.S. merely to accommodate a presidential whim? It was a miracle that India and China have come as far as they have in the first place.

But what truly makes this a miscalculation is that the vast majority of Americans recognize the danger posed by climate change, and they want something to be done about it. They don't support backing out of the Paris agreement.

Even the far-right can't be especially satisfied with Trump's position given that he has offered to either renegotiate the agreement or pursue an "entirely new transaction on terms that are fair to the United States." In other words, the president admits that climate change is real, that it's a threat and that extraordinary action is required; he just doesn't want to pay so much for the solution. It is the philosophy of a real estate developer, not a statesman, scientist or even someone who cares about the country's future. He is signaling that he's willing to walk away—unless he's offered a better deal. Even his aside to Democratic leaders that he's willing to negotiate with them as well sounds like someone who sees climate mostly as a bargaining chip. What's he angling for? Tax reform? The health care roll-back? Some other self-aggrandizement?

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Making America meaner

ast Wednesday, on the eve of his election to the House of Representatives, Montana Republican Greg Gianforte beat up Ben Jacobs, a reporter for the British newspaper The Guardian.

What prompted the violence? Jacobs had asked Gianforte for his reaction to the Congressional Budget Office report showing that the House Republican substitute for the Affordable Care Act would result in 23 million Americans losing their health insurance.

Then, according to a Fox News team who witnessed the brutal attack: "Gianforte grabbed Jacobs by the neck with both hands and slammed him into the ground behind him. ... Gianforte then began punching the reporter. As Gianforte moved on top of Jacobs, he began yelling something to the effect of, 'I'm sick and tired of this!' Jacobs scrambled to his knees and said something about his glasses being broken. ... To be clear, at no point did any of us who witnessed this assault see Jacobs show any form of physical aggression toward Gianforte, who left the area after giving statements to local sheriff's deputies."

After the attack, Jacobs was evaluated in an ambulance at the scene and taken to Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital. Several hours later he left the hospital wearing a sling around his arm. Gianforte was charged with misdemeanor assault.

Donald Trump's reaction? He praised Gianforte's election as a "great win in Montana."

For years, conservatives warned that liberals were "defining deviancy down" by tolerating bad social behavior. Trump is actively defining deviancy down in American politics. He's also making America meaner.

Last year, Trump said of a protester at one of his campaign rallies: "I'd like to punch him in the face." He added that "in the old days," protesters would be "carried out on stretchers."

In a different era, when decency was the norm, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives would not seat a thug like Gianforte in the chamber. But House Republicans seem eager to have another kindred spirit.

Charlie Sykes, a conservative former talk-show host in Wisconsin, told the Washington Post that "every time something like Montana happens, Republicans ... normalize and accept previously unacceptable behavior."

Gianforte's attack on Jacobs was shameful enough. Almost as shameful was Gianforte's press release about what occurred, which blamed Jacobs. "It's unfortunate that this aggressive behavior from a liberal journalist created this scene at our campaign volunteer BBO."

It was a blatant lie, as evidenced by the Fox News team and

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the charge against Gianforte. But under Trump, blatant lying is the new normal. And a "liberal journalist" is the enemy.

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication, told the Post that Trump "has contributed to a climate of discourse consistent with assaulting a reporter for asking an inconvenient question."

It used to be that candidates and elected officials were supposed to answer reporters' questions. We thought democracy depended on it. But we're now in the era of Donald Trump, who calls the press the "enemy of the American people."

In America, candidates or officials didn't beat up reporters who posed questions they didn't like. That kind of thing occurred in dictatorships.

More generally and menacingly, Trump has licensed the dark side of the American psyche. His hatefulness and vindictiveness have normalized a new meanness in America.

Since Trump came on the scene, hate crimes have soared. America has become even more polarized. Average Americans say and do things to people they disagree with that in a different time would have been unthinkable.

"I'd submit that the president has unearthed some demons," Rep. Mark Sanford, a Republican from South Carolina, told the Post. "I've talked to a number of people about it back home. They say, 'Well, look, if the president can say whatever, why can't I say whatever?' He's given them license."

The new meanness is also finding its way into public policy, where Trump wants unprecedented cuts in Medicaid, Social Security disability and food stamps, and to shove 23 million Americans off health insurance—all so the rich and corporations can get big tax cuts.

I recall a time in America when this kind of proposal would be considered an affront to decency. Now it's the baseline for negotiations.

A president contributes to the norms of our society. He sets the moral tone. Trump is setting that tone at a new low.

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Paris climate accord more a danger than a rescue

about greenhouse gases heating up the earth to the point of catastrophe. We're talking about James . Hansen, once with NASA, as loud a voice on global warming as anyone has ever been, and guess what he said in 2015 when the Paris climate accord was formulated.

That it was a fraud. A fake. It would accomplish nothing except to let international leaders off the hook through pretense instead of substance. The facts prove his point even as multitudes have abandoned them. President Donald Trump has started a process of removing the United States from the deal, and even though he said he would be happy to join in working out something better, people all over are saying he wants to destroy the world.

What could come closer to that end is the deal itself. Even if all 195 national signatories fully complied with it, experts agree it would do next to nothing to stop temperature increases said by some to be disastrous by century's end. But even compliance won't likely happen on a large scale because the non-binding prescriptions would wreck economies, eliminating hundreds of thousands of jobs _ including those of agreeable politicians _ while otherwise wreaking havoc.

The accord would meantime serve as an excuse not to do what Hansen and friends say is needed, such as relying much more on nuclear power. Heads of state will tell you that simply signing onto it and doing a few things here and there made them heroic

e had a lot to do with starting it, all of this concern on this score. They will point to the United States as the culprit. The truth is different. Mostly through free market hydraulic fracking of natural gas, we have lowered carbon dioxide emissions more than just about anybody else in the world.

> The renewable fuels answer? They could be a big help someday maybe, but the technology really isn't there yet, and, by the way, the best means of finding that technology is again the free market. The answer is not governmental, crony-capitalism advantages and subsidies that diminish competition and performance and are causing some firms to cheer for the accord. But that, of course, is a big part of President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, which serves as his means of accord compliance, economic wreckage and holding down world temperatures by maybe one or two hundredths of a degree Celsius by 2100. That's it. Really.

> The plan also happens to be unconstitutional, as in illegally rewriting state laws from the White House, and even making the deal in Paris was unconstitutional without later Senate approval that was not sought. That was the Obama unilateralist, autocratic way, of course, even as his defenders screech otherwise, and what it does is stymie real progress.

> The most persuasive of all arguments for the accord is that it's a start, that it can be built on and improved, as Trump suggested. But the real solutions such as natural gas, building up economies for the sake of later adaptive measures and, most of all, nu

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clear power _ tend to infuriate many top hands whose doctrinaire environmentalist religion too often gets in the way of science.

Owing to major developments, nuclear power is about as safe as anything and will keep our modern economies thriving. In California, which is often called tops in the fight against global warming, carbon dioxide emissions rose as a refutation when a nuclear plant was closed.

Global warming is a reality, although it's not the case, as is often implied, that 97 percent of all scientists agree that the end times are on the way minus the handiwork of our politicians. Most agree the earth is warming and humans are a factor, but what many also point out is that predictions have been badly flawed and that natural variables keep many pertinent issues a mystery. Fossil fuels will remain necessary for quite a while, and one argument for that is human life.

Reactions to Trump's Paris accord move are overblown

eactions to President Donald Trump's withdrawal from the Paris accord on climate change are—forgive me—overheated. The ACLU is calling it an "assault on communities of color," for some reason, and environmental activist Tom Steyer says it's a "traitorous act of war against the American people." For his part, Trump says that staying in the agreement would have assured us a future of "lost jobs, lower wages, shuttered

Yet both Trump and his critics know that very little in the accord is binding on the parties to it. As a result, withdrawing from it can't have major consequences by itself.

factories and vastly diminished economic production.'

Listen carefully to the agreement's supporters, and their real argument becomes clear: For them, staying in it increases the likelihood that the world's governments will take future steps to avert what they believe will be a climate catastrophe.

The best argument for leaving, meanwhile, is that these steps would be costly overreactions to that threat—and reducing such consequences is a good thing. As I've argued before, the risk that climate change will have catastrophic effects justifies investing to predict, mitigate and adapt to those effects. It doesn't justify restrictions on the use of energy.

The argument that leaving the Paris agreement will jeopardize America's global leadership also seems overblown. The decision dismays many people around the world, to be sure, just as other American decisions have dismayed many of the same people

We are told that other governments will no longer trust America to keep its commitments. But it would not be a bad thing for other countries to learn that a president's say-so can't always bind future presidents.

It's a mistake, too, to see Trump's decision as a turn toward isolationism. It's true that the step cheers those in his coalition who want the U.S. to weaken its alliances and enact tariffs. But it also has the support of conservatives and Republicans who oppose those policies. That breadth of support helps explain why

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Trump made this move while so far refraining from tearing up NAFTA and the like.

Trump has even talked, albeit very vaguely and implausibly, about renegotiating the Paris agreement. It would be better to take a different path altogether. But we are free to go in any number of directions, because we are essentially in the same place we were when we were in the agreement.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our missing families

It has been several years since the morning of May 25, 2011, when Lukh sisters—Faloma, 10, and Maleina, 9— disappeared while waiting for their bus ride at the corner culvert of As Teo family farm. They were going to the Kagman Elementary School. But they never appeared at the school. Supposedly, they were given a ride to school in a small pickup truck. But neither the small truck nor the two As Teo girls appeared at the school. There was a big search for several weeks conducted by many civilian volunteers, DPS, and FBI, FBI helicopter, but the searchers turned up nothing.

That was six years ago. These two school kids are not the only missing persons here on Saipan. There was an old man, either from Lagoon Chuuk (Faichuk) or one of the outer island atoll clusters of Chuuk, probably from Faraulep, who was working for my godfather, Dr. Jose Ada Torres. He said his name was Failap, which almost rhymed with Faschaulep, an atoll in Chuuk. One day, no one could find him, so the Insular Constabulary was alerted of a possible lost person. He probably went walking and couldn't find his way back, losing his way around Chalan Kanoa and Susupe. So I joined the search and we went asking people if they had seen Failap, Dr. Torres' help. Through the help of the residents on Texas Road

near the cemetery, we decided to swing over to Lake Susupe. Residents there had begun to complain about bellowing or a loud moaning coming from the lake shore. Then they said that there was a real putrid, strange smell coming from lake. And the dogs were restless and wouldn't stop barking. So we formed a flank and started walking into the carriso. The swamp was a bit dry and the ground hard, so we were able to walk farther in. That's where we found Failap. Dead for several days. He leaned his head against a tree, and probably died afterward. The ambulance took him to the morgue.

The other lost person was my cousin Enrique Palacios Boyer of San Roque. He was never found. He used to frequent Pop Aldan's pool hall on Beach Road Chalan Kanoa. One day, he simply disappeared into thin air.

Then there was David Borja delos Reyes (David Stein), of San Roque. He and a couple of his companions were out in the night hunting for goats on the Talofofo rocky plateau along the cliff line. According to his companions, he was chasing a goat and fell over the cliff into the rough swirling ocean. He just got swallowed up by the swirl and disappeared. Some searchers said he was probably dragged into the deep ocean by the undertow and couldn't surface. David's

oldest brother, Jesse B. delos Reyes (Stein the boxer) came up from Guam for the search. He climbed down the cliff into the rough ocean, but after a while, he came up empty.

And then there were the seven boy scouts from San Antonio who went camping near Forbidden Island. They were standing at a submerged ledge when a big wave swamped them and pulled them into the water and they never came up for air. There were a lot of searchers there but couldn't get into the water because of the strong undertow from the underwater ledge out into the deep ocean. The DPW's M/V Olwol came around the Marpi bend with divers to assist. One diver found one of the scouts, my cousin, floating face down, and drowned. I think a "memorial" in memory of the seven scouts was put up by San Antonio commissioner Fernando Benavente.

Then there were the 13 fishermen who never came back from a fishing trip up north. They were never found. Forever lost. Ai, ta tayuyuti i Saina ya u na tungu hit, masea i antin niha i los pobres man malingo, amano nai man gaige. Mis amigitos y las santa niñas, donde están ustedes?

Rudy M. Sablan Garapan, Saipan

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

WEDNESDAY



₹ 78°

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. East winds 1

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

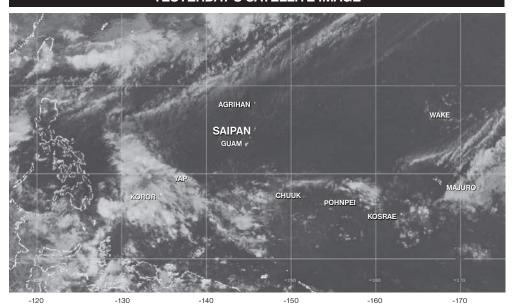
FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE

▼78°



PICTURE TIME: 7:16 AM, SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No changes made to the forecast. Morning satellite imagery showed a few showers over the Marianas. Brief periods of rain were also observed over Guam before sunrise. Despite the showers, satellite Water Vapor imagery shows little deep layer moisture over the region. The precipitable water index was between 1.55 and 1.60 inches yesterday, which is slightly below average. Models show little change through at least Thursday night as a dry season weather pattern remains in place over the local area. Observations this morning from Ritidian, Tanapag, and Ipan buoys indicate combined sea heights around 2 to 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88 80 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	84 77 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	87 74 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86 81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85 80 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86 80 °F
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AROUND TH	E GLOBE	_ ▲ ▼°F
Auckland	Mostly sunny	56 45 °F
Beijing	Rain	86 76 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	84 80 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	84 72 °F
London	Mostly sunny	64 50 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly sunny	77 62 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	88 78 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	57 44 °F
Miami	Thunderstorms	87 79 °F
New York	Rain	70 59 °F
Osaka	Partly cloudy	75 59 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	67 52 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	82 59 °F
Rome	Rain	79 62 °F
Salem	Sunny	70 47 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	69 53 °F
Seoul	Partly cloudy	85 63 °F
Tokyo	Sunny	74 62 °F
Washington, DC	Partly cloudy	80 63 °F



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TIDES: SAIP	AN HARBOR TO	DAY FEET
4:32 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.89
11:37 AM	LOW TIDE	0.30
5:53 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.51
11:15 PM	LOW TIDE	0.88

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Wednesday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Thursday	5:45 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:41 AM	3:16 PM
Tuesday	-	3:20 AM	4:04 PM
Wednesday	-	4:00 AM	4:52 PM
Thursday	-	4:41 AM	5:40 PM
Friday	-	5:24 AM	6:29 PM

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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily								
LJ652	5:20am	9:10am	Daily								

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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)
DL297 4:15pm 7:00pm

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One of the most vibrant and unique festivals held on Saipan is the Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival, which was held last May 27-28, 2017, at the Garapan Fishing Base. The family-friendly festival celebrates fisheries and seafood preparations, while training the young generation about the environment and value of seafood in everyday lives.

The festival started on Friday, May 26, at the checkin, as fishing teams chose their catch method: trolling, deep bottom, hook and line (shallow bottom), spearfishing, or *talaya*. Fishing began promptly at 6pm that evening and carried on until Saturday evening at 6pm. The family fun fishing derby hosted 53 fishers, with 20 under the age of 15 competing for trophies and cash prizes.

Winners of the spearfishing contest largest fish was team Bantalan Boys consisting of Morita Asai, Richard Dela Cruz, Andrew Kim, and J.P. Taitano.

Second place went to Team Santa Primativa consisting of Christian Alepuyo, John Roque Alepuyo, Jesse Deleon Guererro, and Greg Sasamoto.

Third place went to Team Beginners Luck consisting of Ryuto Yanai, Ichiro Borja, Nico Lu and Jun Yamagishi.

Other teams included Super Team and Peska Dudes.

Winners of the bottom fishing contest were Team Kinosuke composed of Ricky Fitipol, Ben Fitipol, Phillip Aldan, Ito Yoshikatsu, and Ishikawa Jiko.

Second place went to Team Sweet Candy consisting of grandpa George Moses and his three grandsons: Clement I. Santos, Devin A. Kapileo, and Kenneth J. Kapileo.

Winners of the hook and line contest were Team Victoria captained by Diego Benevente with crewmembers Garrett Weaver, Tori Weaver, Gene Weaver, and head linesman Scott Shuler.

Second place went to Team Lady Anglers consisting of grandma Candelaria I. Moses and daughters and granddaughters Candy, Pat, Keisha, and Jadalynn.

Saipan fishing derby draws 53 fishers



Audience at the Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival check out the day's catch.





A young participant in the Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO The festival mostly focused on developing young fishing abilities.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Garapan Fishing Base had a bounce house, hotdogs, face painting, and lots of family games and toy prizes for the children. There were pearl shakes, food vendors, and artists.

Third place went to Team Ishikawa Jiko. Kinosuke composed of Ricky Fitipol, Ben Fitipol, Phillip Aldan, Ito Yoshikatsu, and ing of grandpa John C. Reyes

Winners of the talaya contest was Team Nana consist-



The Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival also saw the participation of women fishers. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

with grandsons Maui and Keanu Silva.

Second place went to Team Norbert with P.J. Reves, Norbert Camacho, and Sean Carbonneau.

No fish were turned in for the trolling contest.

All winners took home \$500 and a trophy. Second placers took home \$300 and a trophy and third placers went

While the teams were fishing, the Garapan Fishing Base was alive as KKMP Radio joined forces with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Service to honor Emergency Medical Technicians with a bounce house courtesy of Kanoa Resort, hotdogs, face painting, and lots of family games and toy prizes for the children, courtesy of Imperial Pacific. There were pearl shakes, food vendors, and artists. Entertainment began at noon and car-

ried on until 6pm. At 1pm a

Spam cookoff was hosted by

Dickerson & Quinn. Fishing

ended at 6pm and all catches

were monitored and weighed

home with \$200 and a trophy.

by Fish & Wildlife. No festival is complete without food, food, and more food. Sunday saw the fish festival seafood cookoff, which pitted professional chefs against amateur chefs in a tight battle for Poki, Kaleguen and Open categories. The chefs used some fantastic newly-landed fish to prepare a number of mouth-watering dishes.

The year's festival was dedicated to the late Richard B. Seman, who was a champion for sustainable development of ocean resources and utilization of ocean waters for economic development. The festival mostly focused on developing young fishing abilities.

This festival's sponsors were: Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Bridge Capital, Best Sunshine/ Imperial Pacific, Department Of Commerce-Alcohol & Tobacco Control, Department Of Commerce-Small Business Development Center, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, monwealth Ports Authority, NMC-CREES, Fish & Wildlife, IT&E, DPS-Boating Safety Program, DPS-Click It or Ticket, MARPAC, Marine Conservation Program, Express Financial, Docomo Pacific, Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan Mayor's Office, Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation. **(PR)**



This group has a picture taken with a poster of the day's honoree, the late Richard B. Seman.



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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-033 NMC SEWER LINE UPGRADE (S-14-035)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the replacement and upgrade of sewer line in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) in the area of Northern Mariana College, Fina Sisu. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The Project is to replace approximately \pm 750 LF of existing 8-inch ACP, \pm 20 LF of 10-inch force main, existing service lateral exploration work, 4-inch service lateral connections and clean-outs, installation of new concrete sewer manhole installation and abandonment of existing sewer manhole, installation and monitoring of wastewater temporary by-pass pumping system and road restoration.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 200 calendar days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on June 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-033, NMC Sewer Line Upgrade", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 30, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement

All questions or requests for darification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 16, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email address birhen.martinez@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela tenorio@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Executive Director
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev.2

OEM-Assessment & Preventative Maintenance Services for the Diesel Engine Systems at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for OEM-Assessment & Preventive Maintenance Services (PMS) for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (DEMs) or their authorized licensees from which CUC intends to select the most responsive proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's requirements. The term for the initial contract is for a period of ONE (1) year which may be extended or renewed upon mutual agreement.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the CUC Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Prospective Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-023. Rev. 2, OEM-Assessment & PMS for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be administered by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

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All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 19, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org, Richard Cano, CUC Power Generation Manager via email richard.cano@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CIIC. All proposals shall become the property of CIIC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-030

MAUI SHAFT WELLS REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to develop the method and perform the construction work to remove the cave in soil material in the Maui 4 Shaft Well tunnel and rehabilitate the existing buildings, platforms, shaft, electrical components, mechanical lift system and all other items listed in the scope of work for the Maui 1 and 4 shaft wells. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is 375 calendar days from date of award.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies

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A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on May 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-030 —Maur Shaft Wells Rehabilitation Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than June 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

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All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 30, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to LCDR Travis Spaeth P.E. CUC Water-Wastewater Senior Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-032

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting September 01, 2017 through August 30, 2020.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST).

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-032, Supply & Delivery Of Engine Lube Oils for Power Generation" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than June 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 5, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email antonio.castro@cucgov.org.

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Business

Quitting Paris likely to have muted effect in key industries

DALLAS (AP)—President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord may have only limited immediate impact on many U.S. companies, according to analysts.

In part that is because the Paris agreement only went into effect last year, it's voluntary, and doesn't carry penalties for countries that fall short of emissions-cutting targets.

"What you have is a president making a nonbinding withdrawal from a nonbinding agreement," said Kevin Book, an analyst with ClearView Energy Partners. "And that's not likely to change fundamentals very much at all."

Many big companies in industries such as autos and aviation have already committed to reducing emissions and are spending billions to do it. They aren't likely to change course.

A study mentioned by Trump estimated that if the U.S. meets its Paris goal for reducing carbon emissions it will cost 2.7 million U.S. jobs by 2025. The study, commissioned by a pro-industry group, projected the sharpest declines in coal, cement, and iron and steel, and the loss of 440,000 manu**CO2** emissions by country European Union: 9% India: 7% Russia: 5% Japan: 4%

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

facturing jobs.

Coal and cement producers say the Paris accord would put them at a competitive disadvantage and that they too are taking steps to cut emissions.

The American Coal Council said more than 90 percent of U.S. coal plants are equipped with advanced emissions controls, and that advances in technology will lead to further improvement. Cement makers say they use alternative fuels for 15 percent of their power needs.

However, many economists think Paris would be roughly a trade-off—fewer jobs in polluting industries would be offset by more in renewable energy. The chief economist of business-research group The Conference Board said the potential number of jobs that might be created in fossil fuels is limited, while the potential for job growth in green technologies is much greater.

There are already more than twice as many U.S. jobs in solar energy than coal, about 374,000 to 160,000, according to the Energy Department.

Graphic: Tribune News Service

Some corporations that had supported the Paris agreement were quick to signal that Trump's decision would not change their plans.

"Our position on climate change has not changed ... we publicly advocate for climate action," said General Motors. The company reiterated its support for various climate pledges, and it boasted about its Chevrolet Bolt EV, an electric vehicle priced under \$30,000.

Rebecca Lindland, an executive analyst with Kelley Blue Book, said Trump's decision won't have an immediate impact on automakers, who had no specific targets to meet under the Paris agreement.

Farmers decry Trump plans to cut agriculture subsidies

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)— Farm groups and some members of Congress from farm states are decrying proposed cuts to crop insurance and other safety net programs for farmers included in President Donald Trump's budget.

The proposed cuts come even as farmers are facing their fourth straight year of falling income, and could particularly affect farm states such as Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska that helped Trump win the November election.

"Clearly, this budget fails agriculture and rural America," American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said in a statement.

The proposed budget would cap the amount of money the U.S. government provides to help farmers pay insurance premiums and eliminate insurance coverage for lost revenue when crop prices and per-acre yields fall. That would reduce the federal insurance program's budget by \$28 billion over 10 years.

Trump has also proposed reducing subsidies to farmers, cutting those programs by

\$9 billion by decreasing the maximum income level from \$900,000 to \$500,000 for a farmer to be eligible. The budget would also cut 5,263 jobs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a 5.5 percent reduction in staff.

Farmers, economists and agriculture experts say it is important to support the agriculture sector, which makes up about 11 percent of U.S. employment, or about 21 million jobs, and contributes nearly \$1 trillion to the nation's domestic productivity.

"The strength of the agricultural economy has implications for rural America, but also for the larger U.S. economy," Robert Johansson, the USDA's chief economist, told senators last month.

Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow, the leading Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee, warned that the proposed cuts "would have a disproportionate impact on small towns across our country and leave those communities in crisis."

But some people say there's no need for farmers to worry just yet.

"What I've been telling farmers is let's just relax a bit before we panic. It's going to be hard for Trump to get anything done. That's become really obvious," said Brent Gloy, a former Purdue University agriculture economist who now works full-time on his family's corn, soybean and wheat farm in southwest Nebraska, where Trump had strong support.

Indeed, Republican U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, who owns a farm in Iowa and is a member of the agriculture and budget committees, doesn't expect the crop insurance cuts to make it through Congress. Grassley considers Trump's budget a non-starter, much like the budget proposals of Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, who also suggested farm program cuts that never materialized.

"Most budgets are dead on arrival," Grassley said during a recent conference call with reporters. "I don't say that to be negative about any of the three presidents I've said it about.'

Nation

Trump to push for overhauling roads, bridges, air traffic

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Donald Trump is launching a major push for a \$1 trillion overhaul of the nation's roads and bridges, a key item on his agenda that's been stymied in Congress and overshadowed by White House controversies.

Trump plans a series of events this coming week to highlight his effort to modernize American infrastructure—the highway, waterway, electrical and airway systems on which the nation operates. His campaign for public and private funding for the projects is expected to run from the White House, where he'll speak about upgrading air traffic control, to Ohio on inland waterways and through meetings with mayors, governors and Transportation Department officials.

The Trump administration has struggled to gain traction on many of its economic policies. Job growth has slowed in recent months instead of accelerating as the president predicted. Trump has said he has tax legislation moving through Congress but his effort has been stalled and no bill has been written. His budget plan released during his foreign trip included math er- affected by infrastructure,"

rors that enabled the White House to falsely claim that its tax plan would deliver both faster growth and a balanced budget.

Trump's agenda has been overshadowed by ongoing probes into whether Trump campaign officials or associates colluded with Russian officials to influence the 2016 election, as well as scrutiny over Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey - who is scheduled to testify on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

And other policies on the agenda, such as health care and taxes, come first on a fastclosing legislative calendar.

But modernizing the nation's infrastructure remains a challenge with broad public support.

Trump's push to revamp deteriorating roads, bridges, airports and railways aims to unlock economic growth and succeed in an area where predecessor, former President Barack Obama, was repeatedly thwarted by a Republican-led Congress.

"It doesn't matter who you are, whether you are farmer in the Midwest, or a mother driving your kids to and from school, or a worker or a college kid flying back and forth to school, you're said White House economic adviser Gary Cohn in a conference call with reporters.

Cohn said the nation was "falling behind and the falling behind is affecting economic growth in the United States. The president wants to fix the problems and he doesn't want to push these liabilities into the future."

Trump on Monday is set to outline his legislative principles for overhauling the air traffic control system, using a White House address to propose separating air traffic control operations from the Federal Aviation Administration, a key priority for U.S. airlines.

The president plans to travel to Ohio on Wednesday to address ways of improving levees, dams and locks along inland waterways that are crucial to agricultural exports. His visit is expected to include a speech expected to touch on partnering with states and local governments.

Cohn said governors and mayors are scheduled meet with Trump at the White House on Thursday for a listening session focused on the efficient use of tax dollars for infrastructure projects.

Source: Brother of dismembered boy's killer found dead

NEW YORK (AP)—Nearly six years after detectives uncovered the dismembered remains of an 8-year-old boy in a Brooklyn house, the brother of the man now imprisoned for killing the child was found dead in the same family home.

Police responding to a call from the family on Friday discovered the body of Tzvi Aron, bound, wrapped in a blanket and stuffed in a basement closet, a law enforcement official said.

The 29-year-old bakery worker had last been seen on Tuesday. The death is being investigated as a homicide; Aron had recently been threatened but it wasn't clear why, the official said. The medical examiner will determine a cause of death. The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly about an ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Tzvi's brother, Levi Aron, pleaded guilty in July 2011 in the kidnapping and killing of 8-year-old Leiby Kletzky. Leiby got lost on his walk home from a religious day camp. It was the first time he was allowed to go home alone and he was supposed to walk about seven blocks to meet his mother, but missed his turn. On the street, he ran into Levi Aron, who promised to take the boy home.

Instead, Aron brought the boy about 40 miles (64 km) upstate to Monsey, New York, where he attended a wedding before bringing him back to his home. He kept him there overnight and the following day when he went to work at a hardware store.

Meanwhile, a massive earch for the boy derway in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, home to one of the world's largest communities of Orthodox Jews outside of Israel. Thousands of volunteers from the Hasidic community had assembled to comb the streets. Aron is Orthodox but not Hasidic. The Hasidim are ultra-Orthodox Jews.

When Aron noticed flyers plastered on lampposts with the boy's photo, he said he got spooked, went home and suffocated the boy, police said. A toxicology report found Leiby also had been drugged.

Detectives found the boy's severed feet, wrapped in plastic, in a freezer at Aron's home, about 2 miles (3 km) from the boy's home. A cutting board and three bloody carving knives were found in the refrigerator. The rest of the boy's body was discovered in bags inside a red suitcase in a trash bin about a mile from the home. His legs had been cut from his torso.

Levi Aron pleaded guilty to kidnapping and killing the boy, and is serving 40 years to life in prison

In the years since, his family remained at their Brooklyn home, which is divided into apartments. Tzvi lived in the basement apartment; Levi had lived on the top floor. Another brother also lives there. The family's mother died from cancer and a sister, Sarah, died while institutionalized with schizophrenia before Levi Aron was arrested, according to Levi Aron's psychiatric report obtained by the AP.

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Asia

PH police say casino attacker was indebted gambler

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The lone suspect who launched a deadly attack on a casino and shopping complex in the Philippine capital that left dozens dead was a heavily indebted Filipino who was hooked on gambling, police said Sunday.

Manila police chief Oscar Albayalde said the man's immediate family confirmed his identity as Jessie Carlos—a married father of three and former Finance Department employee who owed more than \$80,000 dollars.

The revelations confirm that "this is not an act of terrorism," Albayalde told a news conference. "This incident is confined to the act of one man alone as we have always said."

Authorities have repeatedly dismissed a claim of responsibility by the Islamic State group for Friday's attack on Resorts World Manila.

The suspect's distraught mother, Teodora, wept during the news briefing and asked for forgiveness. "We're asking for your apology. We can't accept ourselves that my son became like this, he was a very kind son," she said. "He chose to end his life than kill and kill people."

"The message of what happened to my son is people should not get hooked on gambling so their families won't get destroyed," she said.

The Philippines has faced



Muslim insurgencies for decades, though much of the violence has occurred in the troubled south, where ongoing battles with Islamic militants are taking place in the southern city of Marawi.

Albayalde said the man had sold off property to support his gambling habit of at least several years, including a vehicle. His family had grown so concerned they had asked casinos in the capital to ban their hus-

band since April 3.

The news came after authorities released security footage showing Carlos casually exiting a taxi just after midnight and walking calmly into a vast entertainment and gambling complex like any other visitor. Shortly afterward, he dons a black ski mask, slips on an ammunition vest and pulls an M4 carbine assault rifle out of his backpack.

What follows borders on the surreal: a slow-motion arson at-

tack and robbery so methodical and unhurried, the gunman appears to walk much of the wayeven as he exchanges fire with a security guard and flees, slightly wounded, up a stairwell.

At least 37 patrons and employees died, mostly from smoke inhalation as they tried to hide on the second floor, including one the casino's VIP rooms, Albayalde said. The gunman fled to an adjoining hotel, where police say he killed himself.

The video footage shown to

reporters Saturday appears to bolster the government's case that this was a botched robbery by a lone attacker with no known link to terrorism. Police said that's exactly why they wanted to release it.

In his first remarks on the assault, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said Saturday that the attacker was simply "crazy." He questioned what the gunman was going to do with the \$2 million horde of poker chips he had tried to

In this image made from security video released by Manila Police and Resorts World Manila on Saturday, June 3, 2017, a gunman walks away after setting fire to a gambling table in the Resorts World Manila entertainment and gambling complex in suburban Pasay city, southeast of Manila, Philippines on Friday, June 2, 2017.

haul away. He also discounted any links to the Islamic State group, saying this "is not the work of ISIS. The work of the ISIS is more cruel and brutal."

Despite some initially contradictory accounts of the chaos, what is known so far appears to back up that claim.

Although the attacker was well armed—Albayalde said he was carrying 90 bullets in three rifle clips—there are no confirmed reports that he shot any civilians. Instead, he fired into the ceilings, scattering panicked crowds, some of whom jumped out windows to escape what they believed to be a terror attack.

Albayalde said the security footage contained a clear motive: the gunman headed straight for a storage room that contained poker chips. He is seen shooting through several thick white doors, breaking down one of them at 12:18 a.m. Friday—only 11 minutes after his arrival. Abayalde suggested he set fires as a diversionary tactic and his next move was to try to get out.

evacuation drill Sunday amid

Joint patrols to target Asia's Islamic militants

SINGAPORE (AP)—Malaysia said Saturday that it will work with the Philippines and Indonesia to conduct joint patrols in the Sulu Sea targeted at members of the Islamic State group.

Malaysian Defense minister Hishammuddin Hussein said the trio will begin joint sea patrols later this month, in the area bounded by Sabah and the southern Philippines, where Islamic militants intend to "establish a caliphate." Air patrols will start at a later date.

Responding to questions at an international security conference, Hishammuddin explained that Malaysia had conducted a similar operation in the Malacca Strait to clamp down on piracy.

"Different people there we're dealing with, with regards to Islamic militants ... but wish us luck," he quipped.

The Shangri-La Dialogue, which ends Sunday, is attended by defense ministers

and experts from 39 countries, including U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis.

In a wide-ranging speech, Hishammuddin touched on the rising threat that the Islamic State group posed in Asia.

He said the Islamic State's "threat to our region is real. It is multi-dimensional, whether from returning fighters, regional franchises or more disturbingly, from self-radicalized lone wolves."

"Many of the individuals involved (in attacks) were from seemingly good, even prosperous backgrounds or professions. This highlights the insidious nature of radicalization. We cannot generalize on who can turn into a lone wolf," Hishammuddin said.

On Friday, the Islamic State group claimed one of its supporters carried out an attack on a casino in the Philippines in which at least 38 people died. The Philippine military has denied it was a terrorist attack. gion. IS is trying to establish a presence in Asia as it comes under pressure in its heartland in Syria. Muslims constitute 14.2 percent of India's 1.3 bil-

lion people.

Pakistani, Indian troops trade fire in Kashmir, wounding 2

Kashmir, wounding 2 SRINAGAR, India (AP)— Indian and Pakistani forces exchanged gunfire across a cease-fire line dividing Kashmir between the two rivals in the latest fighting there, wounding at least two villagers on the Pakistani side, officials said Saturday. The two sides blamed each other "unprovoked" firing. Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Nafees Zakaria condemned what he called "deliberate targeting of civilians" by India. He said the latest violation of the 2003 cease-fire agreement by India took place Friday. Pakistan's military said it returned fire after coming under attack in Kashmir's Nazapir border

Japan holds evacuation drill amid tension from N. Korea TOKYO (AP)—A town in western Japan conducted an

rising fear that a North Korean ballistic missile could hit Japanese soil. More than 280 residents and schoolchildren from Abu, a small town with a population of just over 3,400 on Japan's northwestern coast, rushed to designated school buildings to seek shelter after sirens from loudspeakers warned them of a possible missile flight and debris falling on them. The drill follows three consecutive weeks of North Korean missile tests. Last week, a missile splashed into the sea inside Japan's 200-mile exclusive economic zone off the country's western coast. It was the second such drill since March, when Tokyo instructed local governments to review their contingency plans and conduct evacuation exercises. A similar, city-organized drill was conducted Sunday in the neighboring prefecture of Fukuoka and others are planned over the next few months.

ASIAN BRIEFS

India: Islamic State unable to gain foothold in the country

NEW DELHI (AP)—India's home minister said Saturday that the Islamic State group has been unable to gain a foothold in the country even though India has the world's second-largest Muslim population. Indian security agencies are keeping a close watch on Islamic State's activities and have been successful in countering the challenges posed by the group, Home Minister Rainath Singh said He told reporters in New Delhi that good coordination between state and central security agencies has led to the arrest of more than 90 Islamic State sympathizers in India. Five members of Indian Mujahideen, an Indian terror outfit, have been sentenced to death, underlining the government's successful efforts to check terrorism, Singh said. His remarks came amid fears that Islamic State's influence is growing in the re-

village. Nazapir is the same area where Indian forces in 2015 used heavy weapons as people celebrated the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, triggering skirmishes in which several Pakistanis were killed or wounded. Lt. Col. Manish Mehta, an Indian army spokesman, said Pakistani soldiers have resorted to unprovoked cease-fire violations by attacking Indian positions for several days in the region, firing automatic rifles and mortars. "The Indian army posts are retaliating strongly and effectively," he said. Kashmir is split between India and Pakistan and is claimed by both in its entirety. The nuclear-armed rivals have fought two of their three wars over Kashmir since British colonialists left in 1947.

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World

Terror attacks strike heart of London; 6 people killed

LONDON (AP)—Police specialists collected evidence in the heart of London after a series of attacks described as terrorism killed six people and injured more than 30 others. Prime Minister Theresa May called an emergency security cabinet session Sunday to deal with the crisis.

The assault began Saturday night when a van veered off the road and barreled into pedestrians on London Bridge. Three men fled the van with large knives and attacked people at bars and restaurants in nearby Borough Market, police and witnesses said. More than 30 victims were treated at London hospitals and a number of others suffered less serious injuries.

The violence turned a summery night in an area packed with revelers into a scene of panic and chaos, with officers running through crowded streets screaming for people to flee. Lifeboats on the River Thames helped evacuate the area.

The Metropolitan Police force declared the attacks "terrorist incidents." Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley said that while they believe all the attackers were killed, the investigation continued.

"We believe three people were involved, but we still have got some more inquiries to do to be 100 percent confident in that," he said.

As dawn broke over the capital, a large area on the south



bank of the River Thames remained cordoned off. Police told people to avoid the area, leaving tourists and revelers struggling to get home.

Only hours before, bursts of gunfire echoed through the streets—likely from armed police—and at least three blasts rang out as officers performed controlled explosions. One image taken by a witness showed a man on the ground surrounded by police; he appeared to be wearing a vest

with canisters attached to it.

"The suspects were wearing what looked like explosive vests," Rowley said. "But these were later established to hoaxes."

Gerard Vowls told The Guardian newspaper that he saw a woman being stabbed by three men at the south end of London Bridge. He said he threw chairs, glasses and bottles at the attackers in a bid to stop them.

"They kept coming to try to stab me. They were stabbing

everyone. Evil, evil people," he told the newspaper. "I want to know if this girl is still alive. I've been walking around for an hour and a half crying my eyes out. I don't know what to do."

Bartender Alex Martinez said he hid in a garbage bin for a half hour when a man stormed the restaurant where he worked, which was nearly full.

"I saw that man with a knife

Guests from the Premier Inn Bankside Hotel are evacuated and kept in a group with police on Upper Thames Street following an incident in central London, Saturday, June 3, 2017.

in his hand and after that a man started screaming so I knew something wrong was happening," he said.

Medics treated the injured near the market as shocked people cried and shouted around them. Police officers yelled at people to run from the area.

Simon Thompson told Sky News that he was just outside Borough Market when he saw crowds fleeing.

"We ran for like 100 meters and then saw loads of police cars turned up and there was kind of a period of quite intense gunfire," he said. "I hid in a restaurant basement for about an hour. ... Police told us to get out and then there was more gunfire."

Police received the first call of reports of a vehicle hitting pedestrians on London Bridge at 10:08 p.m. (2108 GMT). Rowley said the attackers were dead in eight minutes.

US-backed SDF: Battle for IS capital begins 'within days'

BEIRUT (AP)—The battle for control of the Islamic State group's de facto capital Raqqa, in northern Syria, will begin "within days," a spokeswoman for a U.S.-backed Syrian force at the city's edges said Saturday.

The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces are already encamped around the city's northern and eastern divisions and on Saturday made new progress against IS militants to approach the city from the south bank of the Euphrates River. Raqqa lies on the northern side of the river.

Spokeswoman Cihan Sheikh Ehmed said the SDF, which enjoys the backing of the U.S. military, would launch the battle for Raqqa "very soon."

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the SDF has been engaged in fierce fighting with IS militants along the southern bank of the Euphrates River, around Mansoura, approximately 26 kilometers (16 miles) southwest of Ragga. The SDF said they were in control of 90 percent of the town on Saturday.

Raqqa's size poses a new challenge for the SDF, who have captured smaller towns and strongholds from the IS group in northern Syria. As of March, there were an estimated 300,000 people inside Raqqa. Activists reported the militants were forcing them to stay and using them as human shields.

Raqqa is the largest city to have fallen under the complete control of the IS group in Syria, after militants seized it from rebels in January 2014. The city's capture heralded nearly two years of dizzying expansion for the group across northern Syria and Iraq, and it formally split with al-Qaida's central leadership in February that year. Shortly after, its leader declared a "caliphate" over the areas under IS control, which stretched to include Mosul, Iraq's second largest city. That designation is not recognized by other Muslims.

The Islamic State group is also struggling to defend Mosul, the largest city it once held in neighboring Iraq. U.S.backed Iraqi forces and allied militias have captured most of Mosul since launching their campaign last October.

On Wednesday, IS's Aamaq news agency reported the coalition had destroyed Raqqa's main telecommunication's center.

The campaign has led to wide-scale displacement around the Raqqa province, according to the U.N, and conditions are deteriorating inside the provincial capital.

There are also reports of mounting civilian casualties, though they are difficult to confirm because of the war environment.

In May alone, nearly 95,000 residents fled their homes or shelters because of violence in the Raqqa province, according to the U.N.'s refugee agency, UNHCR. But others have returned to their homes as the SDF captures IS-held ground.

Some recent major attacks in Europe The deadly vehicle and knife attack on London Bridge and in nearby Borough Market is the latest attack in Europe in

of recent major ones: ■ May 22, 2017: A suicide bomber killed 22 people and injured dozens during an Ariana Grande concert at Manchester Arena in northern England.

recent years. Here are some

- April 7, 2017: A man driving a hijacked beer truck struck pedestrians at a Stockholm department store, killing 4 people.
- March 22, 2017: A man drives his rented SUV into pedestrians at London's Westminster Bridge, killing four people. The attacker then stabbed a police officer to death.
- Dec. 19, 2016: A hijacked truck plows through a Christmas market in Berlin, killing 12.
- July 14, 2016: A truck driver targets Bastille Day revelers in Nice, killing 86.
- March 22, 2016: Suicide attacks on the Brussels airport and subway kill 32 and injure hundreds. The perpetrators have been closely linked to the group that carried out earlier attacks in Paris.
- Nov. 13, 2015: Islamic State-linked extremists attack

the Bataclan concert hall and other sites across Paris, killing 130 people. A key suspect in the attack, 26-year-old Salah Abdeslam, is arrested in Brussels on March 18, 2016.

- Feb. 14, 2015: A gunman kills Danish filmmaker Finn Noergaard and wounds three police officers in Copenhagen. A day later the gunman, Omar El-Hussein, attacks a synagogue, killing a Jewish guard and wounding two police officers before being shot dead.
- Jan. 7-9, 2015: A gun assault on the Paris offices of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and an attack on a kosher grocery store kills 17 people. Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula claims responsibility for the attack, saying it was in revenge for Charlie Hebdo's depictions of the Prophet Muhammad.
- May 24, 2014: Four people are killed at the Jewish Museum in Brussels by an intruder with a Kalashnikov. The accused is a former French fighter linked to the Islamic State group in Syria.
- May 22, 2013: Two al-Qaida-inspired extremists run down British soldier Lee Rigby in a London street, then stab and hack him to death.

- March 2012: A gunman claiming links to al-Qaida kills three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers in Toulouse, southern France.
- July 22, 2011: Anti-Muslim extremist Anders Behring Breivik plants a bomb in Oslo then launches a shooting massacre on a youth camp on Norway's Utoya island, killing 77 people, many of them teenagers.
- Nov. 2, 2011: The offices of Charlie Hebdo in Paris are firebombed after the satirical magazine runs a cover featuring a caricature of the Prophet Muhammad. No one is injured.
- March 2, 2011: Islamic extremist Arid Uka shoots dead two U.S. airmen and injures two others at Frank furt airport after apparently being inspired by a fake internet video purporting to show American atrocities in Afghanistan.
- July 7, 2005: 52 commuters are killed in London when four al Qaida-inspired suicide bombers blow themselves up on three subway trains and a bus.
- March 11, 2004: Bombs on four Madrid commuter trains in the morning rush hour kill 191 people. (AP)

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Health & Fitness



pring sunshine is finally here, and summer is fast approaching. As adults and kids gear up for beach vacations, outdoor play and dining alfresco, it's a good time to revisit sun protection for the whole family.

The Skin Cancer Foundation, on its website, recommends nine

simple ways to protect your skin, including using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day and seeking shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. In addition to these standard sun-safety guidelines, Dr. Debra Jaliman, a dermatologist based in New York, offers a few of her own skin care tips.

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SUNSCREEN FOR EVERYONE

Fairer skin may burn more easily, but a July 2016 study in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology found that skin cancer is deadlier in people of color, in part because of latestage diagnoses.

"People say that they have natural sunscreen because of their pigment," Jaliman said. "They do have more 'sunscreen,' but they still need more."

She recommends people of color also apply sunscreen daily and ask for a mole and skin check from their doctors, even if it's not offered.

SUN-PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

"Sun-protective clothing is fabulous because you don't have to keep reapplying it," Jaliman said.

Benefits include no greasy lotions, and it provides an easy way to protect your skin without having to think too much about it.

"There are some products you can use on your regular clothing too," she added. "Sunguard makes something that adds protection to your regular clothing, and it's good for a certain amount of washes."

ZINC-BASED SUNSCREEN

Parents of young children may worry about applying sunscreens filled with chemicals to their children's skin. Jaliman suggests looking for a sunscreen that uses a high concentration of zinc oxide instead of harmful chemicals.

"Zinc is what they use in diaper rash creams, so we know it's safe," Jaliman said.

She recommends Elta MD UV Pure. "I wouldn't use chemical sunscreens on kids. I even use zinc myself," she said.

PROTECTIVE MAKEUP

While spending the day outside in a beach city or relaxing poolside or on a boat, ladies might not think to reapply sunscreen over their already-done makeup. But Jaliman says: "If you're sweating, you need to reapply every two hours."

She suggests a product like Color Science's Sunforgettable Brush-On Sunscreen that offers UVA/UVB protection and acts as a finishing powder alone or over makeup.

Quinn on Nutrition: **Update on seafood and mercury**

By BARBARA QUINN

THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD/TNS

What's the deal with mercury in seafood? Health experts tell us to eat more fish for the beneficial effects of omega-3 fatty acids, which are critical for brain and eye development during pregnancy and young childhood. Yet fish can also contain mercury—a metal in the environment that is toxic to the brain and nervous system.

In January of 2017, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) along with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued updated advice for how much and what types of fish are safe for us to consume, according to an article on this topic by registered dietitian nutritionist Eleese Cunningham in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Here are some highlights:

Bigger fish contain more mercury. Makes sense. Mercu-

ry occurs naturally in soil and water and traces are found in all fish. But it's the older, larger predatory fish—those that eat smaller fish—that accumulate more mercury. Fish known for their high mercury levels are best avoided by pregnant and breastfeeding women and young children, says the FDA. They include shark, swordfish, orange roughy, bigeye tuna, marlin, king mackerel and tilefish from the Gulf of Mexico. (Tilefish from the Atlantic Ocean have much lower levels of mercury.)

The benefits of eating fish far outweigh the risks. Omega-3 fatty acids in fish, particularly the one called docohexaenoic acid or DHA, is vital for optimal development of the eyes and brain. Yet a recent analysis found that 50 percent of pregnant women eat far less seafood than the recommended 8 ounces a week.

There are safe ways to reap



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Fish such as tuna contain beneficial omega-3 fatty acids, but also amounts of mercury.

the nutritional benefits of fish and minimize mercury exposure as well. Revised guidelines by the FDA include a chart of "Best" and "Good" fish choices based on mercury content.

"Best" choices includes cod, crab, salmon, shrimp, tilapia and canned light tuna. "Good" choices include halibut, Monkfish, ocean striped bass, albacore/white tuna and yellowfin tuna. Find the com-

plete chart at fda.gov/Food/FoodborneIllnessContaminants/Metals/ucm393070.htm.

Pregnant and breastfeeding women, young children and women of childbearing age (16 to 49 years) are advised to eat 2 to 3 servings a week from the "Best Choices" list or 1 serving a week from the "Good Choices" list. (One serving is about the size of your palm, or about 4 ounces for adults and 2 ounces for children.)

And here's a question: What's the difference between albacore (white) tuna and canned light tuna? Albacore, or white tuna, is larger and lives longer than the fish generally used in canned light tuna, says the EPA. Canned light tuna is often a mix of a variety of smaller tuna species such as skipjack.

And remember, says the FDA, "fish" refers to all fish, including shellfish. Enjoy a variety.

Healthy Living

5 and 5 for breakfast

A light, healthy breakfast can keep you from overeating at lunch.

5 grams of protein

Such as 1/2 cup of fat-free milk; leads to a slow increase in blood sugar; does not stimulate hunger later

5 grams of fiber

Such as piece of fruit, a slice of whole-grain bread; makes stomach feel full longer



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Life & Style

Phil. Independence Day spread at the Hyatt

By BEA CABRERA REPORTER

his June, Hyatt Regency Saipan sets its sights on the 119th anniversary of Philippine Independence, which will be celebrated by the islands' Filipino community on Friday, June 12.

Hyatt will do so with a sumptuous Filipino spread called the Mabuhay Fiesta Buffet at the Kili Café & Terrace on June 9, 2017, starting at 6:30pm.

"The celebration will be one big party or fiesta as Filipinos call it. We do this every year but this year is special. We are stepping up," said Hvatt marketing manager Valentina Haberman. "If you're Filipino, you know why we are celebrating this and it's going to be fun and festive. If you're not Filipino, then it is going to be great experience for you."

The event will highlight regional specialties from the Philippines but Filipino favorites such as adobo, kare-kare, pansit, and bulalo, to name a few, are definitely going to be part of the gastronomical buffet.

Executive chef Gabrielle

Colombo is looking forward to the celebration. He and his team, composed of mostly Filipino chefs, have meticulously prepared the dishes and used ingredients that will make every dish memorable.

"I am surrounded mostly by Filipino chefs. I see how passionate they are in preparing and cooking dishes, especially Filipino food. Whether it is traditional or modern, it always ends up very unique," Colombo said. "I myself have been around Asia. I was in Manila for two years. I enjoyed how Filipino dish-

es play an important part in the culinary world."

Jeffrey Fernandez, Hyatt's chef de parte, said, ""We will have hot foods, street foods, and desserts."

For the first time, Hyatt will be highlighting Filipino street food, "the food of my childhood years and an alltime favorite by many. We will be serving fish balls, buttered quail eggs (kwekkwek), fried lumpia, okoy (deep fried battered papaya and seafood) with all of its delicious sauces. You don't find those in any restaurants on island," said Fernandez.

Both Colombo and Fernandez said the most challenging dish to make was the *pansit palabok*. "Prepar-



Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Gabriel Colombo, left, and chef de parte Jeffrey Fernandez show some of the delicious Filipino food that will be served at the Mabuhay Fiesta Buffet.

ing the sauce for the pansit palabok was not easy. If you don't know how to do it using the traditional technique then the dish will go to waste. We are glad we achieved the Filipino taste." Fernandez said.

"The mood, the look, the atmosphere will [evoke a] fiesta Pinoy-style, which means a good time," said Anthea Joy Baltazar-Capati, Kili Café & Terrace outlet



manager. "We will decorate the café with banderitas, our staff will be wearing traditional baro't saya for women and farmer's look for men and local fruits like bananas, papayas, and coconuts will

Okoy is a street food favorite in the Philippines. It is made of

Anthea Baltazar-Caputi holds a traditional Filipino drink called "palamig" made from grated sweet melon and cold milk. This will welcome guests at the Mabuhay Fiesta Buffet.

greet our guests at the entrance. We will have a band that will play Filipino country songs. The Hyatt partnered with the United Filipino Organization that will provide a dance group that will perform a Filipino folk dance. Even if it is for one night only, [it will feel] like you flew to Manila for a day."

Reservations are highly recommended. The Mabuhay Fiesta Dinner is \$55 per head and Club Hyatt members are welcome. Call 234-1234 for more information.



Scrumptious seafood kare-kare and paella always go together.

fried papaya and seafood batter

Pop star Ariana Grande visits fans at Manchester hospital

LONDON (AP)—Pop star Ariana Grande surprised young fans injured in the Manchester Arena attack, hugging the thrilled little girls in their hospital beds as they recovered from injuries sustained in the May 22 suicide bombing.

The attack at Grande's concert last week killed 22 people and injured dozens of others, many of them teenagers. The singer returned to Britain on Friday ahead of a concert to benefit victims

and their families.

Grande shared an image of her visit to Royal Manchester Children's Hospital with her 107 million Instagram followers. The caption was simply a heart.

Others touched by the visit

posted pictures on social media, including a group shot with Grande among the nurses caring for the children hurt in the blast.

Peter Mann, whose daughter Jaden was injured in the attack, posted several photos of Grande and the youngster on Facebook.

"So happy she came i could burst!," he wrote. "Never seen jaden so happy! even cried again myself."

Tasha Hough also shared photos of Jaden and Grande on social media.

"I think she's a little star

struck. No1 deserves this more than her. That smile! And what a lovely girl Ariana Grande is."

Grande will be joined by a number of pop stars for the One Love Manchester concert on Sunday, including Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, Coldplay, Take That and Miley Cyrus.

Griffin not 'laying down' for Trump, fears career is over

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Embattled comedian Kathy Griffin says she's not afraid of Donald Trump and plans to keep making fun of him but maintained that she's sorry for a video that depicted her holding a likeness of the president's severed, bloody head.

At a rambling press conference Friday, Griffin tearfully predicted her career is over and said Trump "broke me." Since the video was posted Tuesday, she has lost her job

co-hosting CNN's New Year's Eve special and had all her upcoming comedy shows cancelled. Trump, first lady Melania Trump and Donald Trump Jr. have publicly criticized the video.

Griffin, who asserted that she has been contacted by the Secret Service, said the Trumps are "trying to ruin my life forever."

The Secret Service declined comment Friday.

"The president, the first lady

and the Secret Service have all made very clear their view on those thoughts,"

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said.

Griffin, 56, repeated her claim that the video was a parody, meant as a pointed comeback to Trump's remark last summer that former Fox News Channel personality Megyn Kelly had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of wherever."

"I'm not laying down for

this guy," she said in one defiant moment. "I'm going to keep making jokes about this guy."

Republican Party spokesman Mike Reed called the press conference a "desperate attempt" to change the conversation.

"Kathy Griffin's career was over long before she attempted to make a disgusting joke about decapitating the President," Reed said. "What she did was wrong and President

Trump and his family have every right to condemn it."

The California GOP later sent out a fundraising email calling Griffin's photo shoot disrespectful and obscene.

Griffin appeared surprised at the number of cameras and reporters in a packed conference room at her lawyer's office, her hands shaking at one point when she took a sip of water. She switched between contriteness to combativeness during the press conference, during which she attempted several nervous jokes that drew laughs mostly from her attorney, Lisa Bloom.

Bloom said the comedian has a First Amendment right to make fun of the president.

"Whether or not you get, or like, her artistic expression, in America, Kathy has the right to parody the president," Bloom said. "She never imagined it would be misinterpreted as a threat of violence against Trump."

Bloom, a former truTV anchor and lawyer Gloria Allred's daughter, has represented Wendy Walsh, who has accused former Fox News Channel personality Bill O'Reilly of hurting her career after she spurned his advances. O'Reilly has denied the accusations

Backlash against Griffin has continued to grow. Griffin said five of her performances have been canceled this week.

Bill Maher apologizes for using racial slur during HBO show

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bill Maher apologized Saturday for using a racial slur to describe himself as a house slave during a live segment for his HBO talk show.

Maher's comment during his discussion with Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Nebraska, was quickly and broadly criticized after it aired on the comedian's "Real Time with Bill Maher" show Friday night.

HBO said the remark was "completely inexcusable and tasteless" and the segment would not be re-aired.

"Friday nights are always my worst night of sleep because I'm up reflecting on the things I should or shouldn't have said on my live show," Maher said in a statement Saturday. "Last night was a particularly long night as I regret the word I used in the banter of a live moment. The word was offensive and I regret saying it and am very sorry."

During Maher's discussion with Sasse, the senator joked that he would like to have Maher visit Nebraska and work in the fields. The comedian responded by using a slur in a joke that he was a house slave.

The comedian immediately



In this photo provided by HBO, Bill Maher, left, speaks with Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska during a segment of his "Real Time with Bill Maher," Friday, June 2, 2017.

waved off audience groans. "It's a joke," he said on the show.

Activists including the Rev. Al Sharpton quickly criticized Maher, and it remained a topranked topic on Twitter on Saturday.

"Just because Bill Maher is a liberal and our friend, you don't give him a pass," Sharpton said on his radio show Saturday.

"It's wrong and we're calling him out on it. You cannot allow folk to act like there's anything funny in that context about using that word."

Sasse wrote on Twitter on Saturday morning that he wished he'd challenged Maher for his use of the slur immediately.

"I'm a 1st Amendment absolutist. Comedians get latitude to cross hard lines," Sasse wrote in a series of posts. "But free speech comes with a responsibility to speak up when folks use that word. Me just cringing last night wasn't good enough. Here's what I wish I'd been quick enough to say in the moment: 'Hold up, why would you think it's OK to use that word?""

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

60 artist-painted pianos to be installed around NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Sixty pianos painted by artists and performers will be placed around New York City for anyone who wants to play them. A kickoff event for the street pianos will be held Monday in lower Manhattan. The bandleader for CBS' "Late Show with Stephen Colbert," Jon Batiste, will lead 60 pianists in playing Bach's "Prelude in C." The pianos will be in place through June 25. They are a project of Sing For Hope, a nonprofit organization that works to bring the arts to underserved communities. This summer will mark the sixth anniversary of the Sing For Hope pianos in New York. This year's pianos have been decorated by artists including Roberta Flack, Kate McKinnon of "Saturday Night Live" and the casts of several

Broadway shows.

'SNL' star surprised by reaction to Boston racism comment

BOSTON (AP) — "Saturday Night Live" star Michael Che says he was surprised by the reaction to comments he made on the show in February, when he called Boston the "most racist city" he has ever visited. The Boston Globe reports that the comedian and co-anchor of "Weekend Update" told an audience at the Wilbur Theatre on Friday in Boston that people were upset by the comments, adding that "when I say 'people,' I mean 'white guys." Che, who often jokes about President Donald Trump on the NBC show, told a Boston University audience in March that he never apologizes for language or controversial statements because he's "just trying to be more presidential."

Transgender dad wants to be daughter's 'second mommy'

EAR ABBY: My former spouse and I are divorced and share a 3-year-old daughter. Soon after the baby was born, my ex came out as transgender and now lives as a woman.

I have always been supportive of her transition, adopting her new name, feminine pronouns, etc., but now she wants something I'm not comfortable with. She wants our daughter to think she is her "second mommy," not her daddy. She doesn't want any association with being her biological father, and won't even acknowledge it.

It would be one thing if we actually were a same-sex couple and the father was a random sperm donor, but my ex actually IS my daughter's father. All this so my ex can live in a fantasy world? This is causing a lot of tension between us. Am I right? Or is it OK to tell your kid a flat-out lie about who her dad/ second mom is?

THROWN BY IT IN OHIO

DEAR THROWN: What does your ex plan on telling this child when the question, "Where is my daddy?" eventually comes up? I do not advise lying. The truth always has a way of coming out, and believe me, it's only a matter of time until this one does. Better your child not be caught flat-footed when it happens.

Your daughter should be told the truth in stages and in an age-

appropriate manner. PFLAG can help you to figure out how to do it. It can be contacted at pflag.org or call 202-467-8180.

DEAR ABBY: A close female relative hosts "parties" quite often. When she sends the menu for each of us to choose what we would like to make, she states that ALL the recipes must be dairy-free, cheese-free, butter-free and soy-free. She is the only one among us who is on a special diet.

I agree that a few of the dishes should cater to her needs, but all of them? It really limits what we can make and inhibits some from bringing their "specialty." Some of us feel she's behaving been willing to continue to participate in these potlucks. in a very self-centered manner and that it's wrong because she's drawing all of the attention to herself.

Isn't expecting 30 people to eat at the party based on her diet too much? She sees nothing wrong with it. When I invite her for dinner, I prepare something for her, but the rest of the meal is for the entire group. What is our answer here?

LIMITED IN THE EAST

DEAR LIMITED: If others feel the way you do, the answer is to tell your relative the truth -- that what she's asking from her guests is too much. Her behavior does seem excessively controlling. I can see her asking a few guests to prepare something taking into consideration her dietary restrictions, but frankly, I'm surprised so many people have

DEAR ABBY

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From where I sit, they're a lot to swallow.

DEAR ABBY: Do I have the right to respectfully, tactfully and straightforwardly ask my children's father to leave his mistress/wife home during our son's joint birthday party?

HOPING FOR A YES

DEAR HOPING: Yes, you do. And when you do, hope that he will respectfully, tactfully and straightforwardly comply—but don't bet on it.

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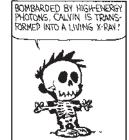
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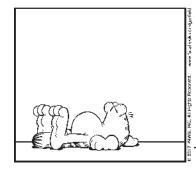
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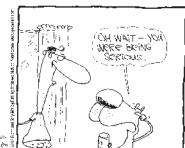
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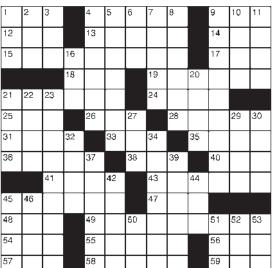
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By Dave Green

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER) CIVIL ACTION OF THE ESTATE OF NO. 16-0252 NOTICE OF

ANGELINA BORJA) CONDITIONAL PEREDO aka) APPOINTMENT ANGELINA P. RIOS, $\stackrel{\prime}{\mathbf{j}}$ OF CO-

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TO: THE SURVIVING HEIRS OF ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS. SPECIFICALLY MELINDA T. HOSSAIN AND

This Notice of Conditional Appointment of Co-Administratrix is hereby served upon you by publication to notify you that the Court has conditionally appointed Hilda V. Rios to serve a Co-Administratrix in the above estate. Any objection to this appointment must be made within five weeks of the date of May 2, 2017. To the Law Office of Robert Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiva, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Tel.: (670) 234-7859), Fax: (670) 234-5750.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2017.

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the) CIVIL ACTION Estate of) NO. 17-0125 JESUS TILIPAO TEREGEYO, NO. 17-0 Deceased.)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Tilipao Teregeyo, Deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on June 22, 2017, at the hour of 9:00

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of Jesus Tilipao Teregeyo, Deceased, and to all persons claiming an interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the date of first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A White, LLC, P.O. Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

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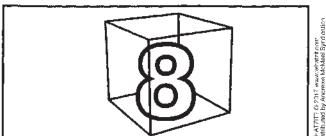
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Cavs try to adjust on both ends after Game 1 beating

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)— Tyronn Lue has a new No. 1 priority for LeBron James and his Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 2 of the NBA Finals: Stop the ball. First and foremost, then make sure Golden State's sharpshooters have a hand in their face.

Translation: Do anything and everything possible to stop Kevin Durant from driving through the paint and dunking at will with nobody even around him.

"Well, I'm pretty sure that won't happen tomorrow," Durant said with a grin Saturday. "They will be way more physical. They're going to be way more aggressive in the pick-and-roll on the offensive end and defensively. They're going to try to get their 3-point shooters going and rebound the ball. They're going to try to get more offensive rebounds. They're just going to muck the game up and be physical."

That's the plan for the defending champions Sunday night and will be key if they want to even the best-of-seven series and look respectable after the Warriors whipped them 113-91 Thursday night.

Durant scored 38 points and dunked easily, six times in the first half alone and many of which he went untouched to the rim.

"We can't let Durant get easy baskets like that," Lue said as his team practiced at Warriors headquarters amid a media frenzy. "With him being probably one of the best scorers in the NBA, you can't give guys like that easy opportunities at the basket."

Taking care of the ball will be equally important after that became a major problem in the opener for Cleveland, which committed 20 turnovers



in an uncharacteristically sloppy game.

The 13-0 Warriors are on a roll and matched a Finals low with only four turnovers, and if Klay Thompson finds his shooting touch at last it could be another tough day on defense for the Cavs. They want to get physical, contest shots, somehow find a way to get Golden State out of its groove.

"Effort, effort, yep," Kyrie Irving said matter-of-factly. "And our ability to make sure that when we're mismatched in transition, that the only thing that matters is stopping the basketball and settling down in the half court, then we match up from there."

Durant and Curry combined for 66 points and 18 assists, moving the Warriors three straight wins from becoming the first team to go unbeaten on the way to a title.

Not that they're discussing it. While Cleveland searches for the right adjustments, Golden State's roster of perfectionists believes it can play far better still with KD and Steph leading the way, or any of the others who are capable of getting hot in a hurry.

"It's going to be a wrestling match down there, and you have to keep it going and make it tough for them and just try to wear them out," said Cavs center Tristan Thompson, held scoreless in the opener.

The Warriors are plenty confident even if Cleveland closes out on the perimeter. Both teams were slow getting started offensively after long layoffs: nine days for Golden State, six for the Cavs.

Cleveland shot 11 for 31 from long range and the War-

riors 12 of 33. But Golden State hit 9 for 20 from deep in the second half on the way to 106 total shots-a jawdropping 20 more than the Cavs-while attacking at every chance when Cleveland just couldn't keep up with Steph and KD.

Draymond Green loved watching Durant do his thing with ease down the middle in his first Finals game for Golden State.

"Going into the game I know what their game plan is, and it's to take the 3 away," Green said. "Now to say that you're going to get that many open lanes, you can't forecast that. You can't go into the game saying, 'Oh, KD is going to have six driving lanes to the rim and where don't get touched and he dunks. You just can't forecast that."

"You're going 100 mph and the brakes are slammed on and now you're not moving at all," Bosh said in the March interview. "It's definitely an adjustment, just being able to get used to things and finding that purpose that I think we all need to succeed and have good mental health. It's been a challenge. Things happen for a reason, I guess.

Bosh's first known bout with when one that was believed to have formed in one of his legs traveled to a lung and caused problems so severe that he needed to be hospitalized for several days. He recovered and was averaging 19.1 points in the 2015-16 season when the second known issue with a clot began—ironically, at the All-Star break, just as was the case the season before.

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James answers questions after Game 1 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors Thursday, June 1, 2017, in Oakland, Calif.



straight postseason series. On Sunday, King James will try to make it 30.

We had a lot of unforced turnovers. Some of them were from aggression," James said. "I had two charges, that's aggression. I can take those. But also had some when I got caught in the air and tried to make some skip passes and they were able to pick them off. Those are like pick sixes. That's like throwing the ball to Deion Sanders. Most of the time it's going to be a touchdown going the other way.'

Klay Thompson makes up for shooting slump on defensive end

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)— The Golden State Warriors won't worry about how many shots Klay Thompson misses as long as he keep preventing his opponent from making them on the

James, in his seventh

straight Finals, has a remark-

able run of having won at least

one game on the road in 29

other end of the floor. Golden State's other Splash Brother has made far more brick sounds than swishes so far this postseason but it's work on the defensive end that has stood out most and been a major factor in the Warriors leading Cleveland 1-0 in the NBA Finals after three straight series sweeps to open the postseason.

"The most important thing is the way he's defending," teammate Draymond Green said. "We have enough guys who can score on this team that if one guy can't get it going, we can go other places. Then our ball movement and our flow allows everyone else to get baskets as well. We're not just going to say, 'Oh, man, we really need to get Klay going."

With the addition this season of another potent scorer alongside Stephen Curry in Kevin Durant has made Thompson's offensive production a little less important than it has been in past years.

But his defense is still as crucial as he is the rare player equally adept at controlling ball-handling point guards, chasing shooters around screens and matching up with bigger players in the post.

"We've always known he's been really good on the ball," teammate Andre Iguodala said. "He's grown and stepped up and been a better player off the ball, not turning his back on the ball. He's turned his weaknesses into strengths defensively, which weren't many. ... I've seen him grow in front of my eyes to be more than just a shooter and become a great all-around player."

Thompson's defensive prowess was evident in Golden State's 113-91 victory in Game 1 on Thursday night when Cavaliers players shot 1 for 12 when Thompson was the primary defender, according to ESPN. The only make came when Kyrie Irving hit an off-balance 3-pointer while getting fouled as Thompson contested 10 of those 12 shots.

Thompson spent the night matched up at various times against LeBron James, Kevin Love, Kyrie Irving and J.R. Smith and thrived in all of those situations.

"I'm just trying to play possession by possession," Thompson said. "But it's something I did take notice after the game. I was happy with my performance on that side of the ball, being locked in defensively. It didn't matter who I was guarding, I was trying to make it tough on them just to get a good look."

Source: Bosh, Miami Heat reach agreement to part ways

MIAMI (AP)—Chris Bosh's time on the Miami Heat roster is finally nearing an end.

A complicated end, at that. The blood clots that Bosh has dealt with over parts of the last three seasons have been declared a career-ending injury situation and the Heat will soon remove the 11-time All-Star forward from their roster and salary cap going forward, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Friday. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the agreement has not been announced publicly.

Bosh will never be able to play again for the Heat, said the person, adding that Bosh could play again if another club gives him medical clearance.

If that happens—and it's

unclear if that's a possibility because the specifics of Bosh's current health situation are unknown—the Heat will face no risk of having any of the \$52 million Bosh is owed over the next two seasons returning to their salary cap.

"I'm still a basketball player at heart," Bosh told AP in March. "I can't help it."

So it appears the 33-yearold Bosh will have a chance to play again, and Miami gets to soon close the last remaining link to the "Big Three" era that saw the Heat reach four consecutive NBA Finals with Bosh, Dwyane Wade and LeBron James leading the way from 2011 through 2014. And months of talks between Bosh, the Heat, the NBA and the National Basketball Players Association are about to bring a resolution.

Bosh remains on the Heat

roster for now, and could stay there for several more weeks. It's almost certain that he will eventually be waived once Miami needs his cap space for free agency in Julythe Heat will have around \$37 million in room once Bosh's contract comes off the books—though a trade is still technically possible.

It was obvious last September that Bosh had played his last game for the Heat, after he failed a physical and team president Pat Riley said the franchise was moving forward without the two-time champion in its plans. Bosh made clear last fall that he wanted to play, and eventually got back into the game as an analyst for Turner Sports late in the season.

He described what he went through this past season as "a taste of retirement."

a clot was in February 2015,

He hasn't played since.

Pujols hits grand slam to reach 600 career home runs



Pujols hit a grand slam for his 600th homer, becoming the ninth member of the club during the fourth inning of the Los Angeles Angels' 7-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Saturday.

Pujols reached the milestone in theatrical style, putting a low pitch from Ervin Santana (7-3) into Angel Stadium's short left-field porch for his 14th grand slam.

He became the fourth-youngest player to reach the 600-homer club — and the first to join it with a slam. The Anaheim crowd roared while fireworks soared overhead for the 37-yearold's ninth homer of the season and his 155th for the Angels.

The Dominican veteran is the first player to hit his 600th homer since Jim Thome in August 2011. With his ninth homer this season, Pujols has joined the club with Bonds (762), Aaron (755), Ruth (714), Rodriguez (696), Willie Mays (660), Ken Griffey Jr. (630), Thome (612) and Sammy Sosa (609).

Andrelton Simmons and Kole Calhoun hit back-to-back homers in the third inning for the Angels. Matt Shoemaker (5-3) pitched five-hit ball into the seventh inning for his fourth victory in his last five starts.

Max Kepler homered for Minnesota.

Marlins 3. Diamondbacks O

In Miami, Edinson Volquez threw the sixth no-hitter in Marlins history, facing the minimum 27 batters and beating the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Volquez (2-7) struck out 10, and the two baserunners who reached on walks were erased by double plays. He needed 98 pitches, the last of those striking out Chris Owings to complete the masterpiece. It was the Marlins' first no-hitter since Henderson Alvarez pitched one against Detroit on the final day of the 2013 regular season.

It's the first no-hitter in the majors this season, and the first time Arizona was no-hit since the Marlins' Anibal Sanchez threw one on Sept. 6, 2006. Volquez was nearly knocked out of the game after only three pitches, when he collided with Diamondbacks leadoff man Rey Fuentes as he covered first and rolled his ankle. But the 33-year-old righty from the Dominican Republic stayed in.

Astros 6, Rangers 5

In Arlington, Texas, Carlos Beltran had three hits and drove in three runs as the Houston Astros extended their major league-best winning streak to nine in a row. Jose Altuve also had three hits for Houston, including a key solo homer to lead off the ninth.

At 40-16, the Astros have the best record in the majors and their best start in franchise history. They are 14 games ahead in the AL West over two-time defending division champion Texas, which is 3-10 since a 10-game winning streak that is still the longest in the majors this season.

Red Sox 5, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, David Price took a three-hitter into the eighth inning to earn his first win of the season while Hanley Ramirez homered and drove in three runs for the Boston Red Sox.

Price (1-0) allowed one run over seven-plus innings in his second start since coming off the disabled list with a strained left elbow. After belatedly launching his 2017 season with an uneven outing against the White Sox on Monday, Price looked every bit like a five-time All-Star against Baltimore.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays O

In Toronto, Brett Gardner, Matt Holliday, Starlin Castro and Didi Gregorius all hit solo home runs in the eighth inning, leading Jordan Montgomery and the New York Yankees over the Blue Jays.

The Yankees tied the franchise record with four homers in an inning. Gardner led it off with a home run and then with two outs, Holliday, Castro and Gregorius connected in succession. Jason Grilli became the first reliever in Blue Jays history to allow four homers in a single inning.

This was the fourth time the Yankees have hit four homers in an inning — they last did it Oct. 1, 2012, against Boston. They first did it in 1977 at Toronto, with Cliff Johnson connecting twice and Lou Piniella and Thurman Munson once each.

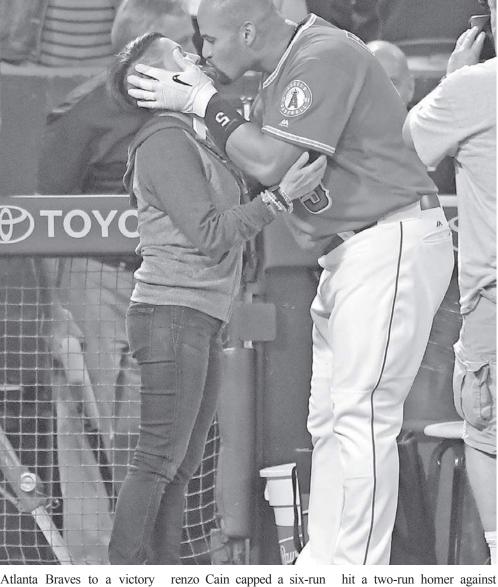
Cubs 5, Cardinals 3

In Chicago, Kyle Schwarber hit his first career grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally the Cubs to victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Schwarber, who entered batting .163 and was dropped to the ninth spot in the lineup, hit the first pitch of the at-bat from St. Louis starter Mike Leake (5-4) deep into the bleachers in left-center. Javier Baez also homered for Chicago, which has won two straight following a six-game losing streak.

Braves 6, Reds 5, 12 innings

In Cincinnati, Matt Adams hit his first career grand slam and connected again for a solo shot in the 12th inning to power the



over the Cincinnati Reds.

Adams' one-out homer off Blake Wood (0-4) saved the Braves after they blew a lead for the second day in a row. It was Adams' fourth career multi-homer game, his first since 2014.

Jim Johnson (3-1) escaped a threat in the 11th and finished it off for the win, a day after he blew a lead in the ninth. The Reds rallied for a 3-2 lead in 10 innings on Friday night. The Braves won for only the second time in seven extrainning games this season.

Athletics 10, Nationals 4

In Oakland, California, Ryon Healy had two doubles and two homers while Jed Lowrie doubled twice and homered as the Athletics beat the Washington Nationals.

A day after being outscored by 10 runs, the A's got off to a fast start as Healy and Lowrie each hit two-run homers in the bottom of the first inning off starter Joe Ross (2-2). Healy also hit a long solo shot in a three-run seventh inning in which the A's broke open a 7-4 game. It was Healy's first career multi-home run game and the four extra-base hits tied a franchise record accomplished by 16 others since 1913.

Royals 12, Indians 5

In Kansas City, Missouri, Lo-

fifth inning with a two-run homer and Jason Hammel settled down after a shaky start as the Royals routed the Cleveland Indians.

Whit Merrifield and Mike Moustakas had two-run doubles off Carlos Carrasco (5-3) during the Royals' big inning, helping them overcome a 3-0 hole and ensure a series win over their division rival.

Hammel (2-6) gave up homers to Carlos Santana and Bradley Zimmer in the third, but he retired 15 of his next 17 batters before giving way to Mike Minor with two outs in the seventh. Hammel struck out seven without a walk for his first win since beating Cleveland on May 5.

Phillies 5, Giants 3

In Philadelphia, Ben Lively pitched seven strong innings in his major league debut while Odubel Herrera drove in three runs in Philadelphia's four-run seventh as the Phillies held on against the San Francisco Giants.

Tommy Joseph homered for the Phillies, who snapped a five-game losing streak while winning for just the seventh time in their last 33 games. Philadelphia avoided losing its 11th straight series, which hasn't happened since the 1941 club did it.

Mets 4, Pirates 2

In New York, Neil Walker

his former team and the New York Mets also got long balls from Jay Bruce and Wilmer Flores in beating the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Robert Gsellman (4-3) won his second consecutive start likely his last before a move to the bullpen. The rookie righthander tossed 5 1/3 effective innings before Fernando Salas escaped a first-and-third jam, and New York's shaky relief corps nailed one down for a change.

Tigers 10, White Sox 1

In Detroit, Jordan Zimmermann tossed six solid innings as the Tigers used four home runs to power past the Chicago White Sox.

Nicholas Castellanos and Alex Presley hit back-to-back homers in the second inning and Alex Avila and Justin Upton also homered for the Tigers, who have outscored Chicago 25-6 in the first two games of the weekend series.

Zimmermann (5-4) won for the second time in six starts, allowing one run and seven hits with five strikeouts and two walks. Detroit has won four of five

Rockies 10, Padres 1

In San Diego, Nolan Arenado hit his 14th homer and Ian Desmond added a grand slam as the Colorado Rockies stopped the Padres' season-high, fivegame winning streak.

Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols, right, kisses his wife, Deidre, after hitting a grand slam, the 600th homer of his career, during the fourth inning of the team's baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Saturday, June 3, 2017, in Anaheim, Calif.

Tyler Chatwood (5-7) rebounded from his worst start of the season, allowing four hits over eight innings with eight strikeouts and one walk. Chatwood also had a pair of hits as the Rockies won for just the second time in six games. Jordan Lyles pitched a perfect the ninth. In his previous outing, Chatwood gave up six runs over 4 1/3 innings in a loss to Seattle.

Former Rockies righty Jhoulys Chacin (4-5) allowed four runs — three earned and six hits in five innings, losing for the first time this year in five starts at home.

Dodgers 10, Brewers 8

In Milwaukee, Chris Taylor hit a go-ahead grand slam off Carlos Torres in a five-run ninth inning as the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied late for the second straight day to beat the Brewers.

Los Angeles led 4-3 in the seventh when Chris Hatcher walked the bases loaded and Josh Fields relieved. Travis Shaw drove Fields' third pitch over the fence in left-center, and Hernan Perez homered two pitches later for an 8-4 lead.

The Dodgers loaded the bases with one out in the ninth against Torres (2-4). Corey Seager walked, and Yasmani Grandal hit a grounder to first baseman Jesus Aguilar, who threw to second trying for a forceout and hit Seager on the back for an error.

Pinch-hitter Austin Barnes walked, Cody Bellinger walked to force in a run and Taylor homered off the batters' eye behind the center-field fence.

Mariners 9, Rays 2

In Seattle, Mike Zunino hit his first grand slam and drove in a career-high seven runs to power the Mariners past the Tampa Bay Rays.

Zunino, sent down to Triple-A Tacoma for two weeks in May after struggling offensively, had a two-run double in the second, an RBI single in the fourth, and capped a fiverun fifth with his slam that put the Mariners up 9-1.

Rookie right-hander Sam Gaviglio (2-1) allowed one run — a homer by Corey Dickerson to lead off the game — and four hits in five innings.

Nelson Cruz had three hits, including a solo homer, and Danny Valencia had four singles and scored three times for the Mariners, who won for the sixth time in seven games.

MARPAC renews support to billiards, darts leagues

Bud Light and Budweiser management renewed their commitment to the local darts and billiards leagues by presenting an annual sponsorship check to the Saipan Electronic Darts Association (SEDA) and Saipan Billiards Association (SBA).

MARPAC general manager Guy Pudney and Ambros, Inc. Guam sales manager Tim Aguon presented a \$5,000 check to SEDA/SBA leagues secretary Warlee T. Ellama Pacific Amusement comptroller Cecile A. Vivero.

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From left, Ambros, Inc. Guam sales manager Tim Aguon, Pacific Amusement's Cecile Vivero and Warlee Ellama, and MARPAC general manager Guy Pudney pose for a photo during the sponsorship presentation ceremony at the MARPAC office in Gualo Rai recently.

Helped by key double-fault, Murray beats del Potro

PARIS (AP)—Andy Murray benefited from a double-fault by Juan Martin del Potro in the opening tiebreaker and then looked more and more like the No. 1 player that he is during a 7-6 (8), 7-5, 6-0 victory at the French Open on Saturday.

The third-round match between a pair of past major champions was much tighter than the straight-set scoreline might indicate.

'Yeah, I expected a very tough match. And the first set was very, very important, I think, for the rest of the match. Whoever had won that first set had big momentum," Murray said. "In these conditions, when it's slow and heavy, to be coming back is difficult."

He needed nearly 3 hours to get past the 29th-seeded del Potro at Court Philippe Chatrier under a cloud-filled sky. It was a rematch of the 2016 Rio Olympics gold-medal final won by Murray.

Del Potro had four set points in the opening set but lost each

Frankie Lifoifoi scored off a

BSI Aces error at second base

and hit by pitch, respectively,

to hand the Falcons the one-

The Falcons kept the shaky

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run advantage.

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one, including that key dou-

ble-fault while ahead 7-6 in the tiebreaker. After Murray converted a third set point of his own when his opponent's big forehand landed barely wide, del Potro rested his head on the net and stayed put for several seconds, the very picture of disappointment.

"Too much frustration," del Potro said. "I couldn't believe I lost that set."

Stan Wawrinka, the 2015 champion, was a 7-6 (2), 6-0,

> seeded Fabio Fognini. Wawrinka, owner of three major championships in all, will play for a quarterfinal perth against No. 15 Gael

6-2 winner against 28th-

Monfils or No. 24 Richard Gasquet, a pair of Frenchmen whose third-round match was interrupted by rain in the first set Saturday.

Murray is a three-time

BSI Aces at the bottom of the before hitting his target on Frankie's fifth pitch. Jesus shot landed just past first base, but

Juan and Luis home. After the deadlock, the Falcons momentarily stopped the bleeding when Frankie fanned out Lamarc Iguel. However, the BSI Aces were not done lot of time playing at the bottom of the eighth inning, it was a different story for the Falcons at the top of the ninth and last. The Falcons were done after only three batters as leadoff Peter Lieto flied out to leftfield, Frankie Lifoifoi was fanned out by relief pitcher Dave Camacho, and Blas flied out to center, putting their team on the brink of losing in their title bid.

Britain's Andy Murray returns the ball to Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro during their third round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Saturday, June 3, 2017 in Paris.

Grand Slam title winner and was the runner-up at Roland Garros a year ago. He has not had a great season so far, though, particularly on the clay-court circuit leading up to the French Open, but he now has reached the fourth round for the eighth time in 10 appearances in Paris.

giving dart and billiard players the opportunity to enjoy camaraderie and competition among themselves.

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tournament in Fiji and was named the NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Male Student Athlete of the Month for ruling the boy 15 singles event of the 110th edition of the annual contest.

Woo, a finalist in the 2017 West Pacific Regional Championships that was also held last month, downed favored Maui Leflon of Vanuatu in the division finals, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3, to earn the nod of NMSA members.

Meanwhile, the other May awardees were soccer's Gillian Villagomez and bowling's Simon Manacop and Janice Camacho.

Villagomez shared the NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Female Student Ath-

lete of the Month with Lee for getting the Golden Boot award in the 2017 Dove Women's Spring Football League. The Saipan International School student collected 11 goals in the Division A games and was also among the top scorers (with seven goals) in the 2017 NMIFA-PSS High School Interscholastic Football League.

Manacop and Camacho, on the other hand, were named Male and Female Athletes of the Month for dominating the 35th CNMI May Masters Tournament. Manacop won the singles, doubles, team, and All Events, missing just the May Masters crown itself in his bid to sweep the five divisions. Camacho took the May Masters tiara in the women's division and earned the top honors in the doubles and team categories.

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1 vs. No. 4 and No. 2 against No. 3 with the winners of the two matches squaring off for the division championship this Friday at 6:30pm.

IT&E first downed the Junior Ol'Aces last Friday behind the combined 33 points of Quina Flores and Karleen Reves. Flores and Reves alternately hit baskets in streaks for IT&E with the former finishing the one-sided match with a game-high 17 points and the latter chipping in 16. Allilah Fernandez paced the Junior Ol'Aces with her 13 markers.

Reyes and Flores then picked up where they left off as they also scored in twin digits in their 36-point victory against the Lady Knights last Saturday. Reves tallied 13 points, while Flores contributed 12. Guine Borja was the third IT&E player to break into double figures and led their squad with her 15 markers.

In the Ol'Aces-Lady Knights tiff, Jasmine Phan fired 18 points to lift the former to the 31-point winning margin. She got enough support from her teammates, as Chevy Kate Alipio added 11 and Ma. Theresa Dalusong contributed 8.

Meanwhile, Mt. Carmel School and the Ol'Aces won the pair of boys U18 matches played last Thursday.

In the curtain-raiser, the Knights escaped with a 60-59 victory against the Ol'Aces Extreme, while the Ol'Aces eased past Kagman Sparks, 86-26.

Matthew Richardson made 5 of Mt. Carmel's last 8 points, including the go-ahead basket in the closing seconds of the match. Tony Deleon Guerrero posted the 3 other points for the Knights, who improved to a 3-3 record in the team standings of the 12-squad field.

Deleon Guerrero and Richardson were two of the three MCS players who recorded twin digits in their close win against the Ol'Aces Extreme. Deleon Guerrero had 13 points, Richardson added 12, and Myles Santos earned 11.

The Ol'Aces Extreme, which was led by the 22 points of Jedial Manalo, fell to a 1-6 card and is still at the bottom half of the rankings.

The Ol'Aces, on the other hand, are unbeaten in five games and share the top spot with idle NMI Rollers following their lopsided win against Kagman Sparks (1-5).

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lead at the bottom of the seventh as they forced the BSI Aces to a quick 1-2-3 with relief pitcher Frankie Lieto striking out leadoff batter Mike Iguel, first baseman Bradley Lieto grounding out Barry Sunumai, and then teaming up with third baseman Norita for the 5-3 putout play on

Two more runs at the top of the eighth inning off Mira's two run-single gave the Falcons cushion, 9-6, However, at the bottom of the eighth, it was the BSI Aces' turn to mount a comeback and wiped

out the Falcons' advantage.

Luis Iguel led off for the eighth and walked. His brother Juan also walked, while their sibling Jesus was called for two balls and two strikes Bradley Lieto could not handle it as the leather bounced off his hand, allowing Luis to run home and move the BSI Aces within two, 9-7. The BSI Aces went on to tie the match, 9-9, thanks to Ben Jones' single that brought

yet as Nokki Saralu blasted a single to the Falcons' short-

stop and drove in Jones to regain the lead, 10-9. Saralu made it an 11-9 advantage as he reached off Mike Iguel's single to right field. Mike also scored off another Falcons error, while a sacrifice fly from Falig gave the BSI Aces a four-run advantage before Frankie struck out Luis to finally end the torturous inning for the Falcons.

While the BSI Aces took a

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22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions Winners

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Ryan Kim, second left, receives his Championship Flight first place prizes from 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions chair Ben Babauta, third left, and co-founder Marian Aldan-Pierce during the awards ceremony for the golf competition held late last month at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Looking on is Tedson Timothy, left, of sponsor Titan Imports.



the Championship Flight.

Junior golfer Edward Lee, center, receives his fifth place prize in



Tony Satur, center, shows his fourth place prize in the Super Senior



22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions chair Ben Babauta, right, congratulates Senior Flight champion Joe "Kamikaze" Cama-



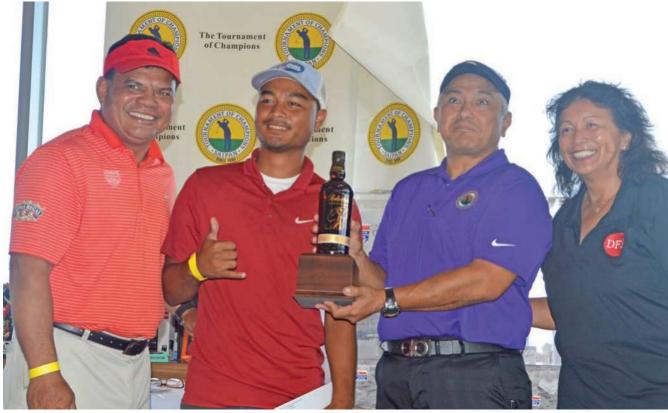
Ladies Low Net runner-up Shiori Onoue is presented with her prize.



Tars Olopai, third left, smiles after getting his runner-up prizes in the Senior Flight.



Harry Nakamura poses with his runner-up prizes in the Championship Flight.



C Flight champion Ray Steven Aguon, second left, poses with the awards presenters.

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IT&E, Ol'Aces rout opponents

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Favored teams IT&E and the Ol'Aces continued to live up to expectations as they crushed their respective foes in the girls U18 division of the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League.

The Ol'Aces whipped the

Lady Knights, 44-13, in last Thursday's game at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while IT&E notched a pair of wins over the weekend after dominating the Junior O'Aces, 42-23, and the Lady Knights, 56-20.

With their victories, IT&E and the Ol'Aces secured the Top 2 spots going into this week's playoff round. IT&E is done in the two-round robin

play with its 5-1 mark, while the Ol'Aces hold a 4-1 record with one game left before entering the semifinals. In the Final Four, the pairings are No.

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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Northern Marianas Sports Association had a full roster of awardees

May as five athletes were recognized for their outstanding performance last month.

First on the list was tennis player Carol Lee, who got the NMSA/ Tan Siu Lin Foundation Female Student Athlete of the Month as he won her first Juniors ITF world ranking tournament after seeing action in a series of competitions in Morocco. Lee was paired with

the U.S. Skyler Marie Grace Grishuk and they defeated Gabon's Ella Avomo and Serbia's Elena Gemovic in the doubles finals of the RUC Tennis Junior Open.

Lee, who also participated and earned world ranking points in the ITF/CAT North African Circuit 2017 and 2017 Mediterranée Avenir, went back to Fiji after her last tournament in Morocco and won, too the women's open doubles crown in the (with South Africa's Roxanne Clark) Fiji Tattslotto Open Tennis Championships 2017.

Ji Min Woo played in the same

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MP United-TanHoldings' Gillian Villagomez, left, receives a pass from her teammate during their Division A game against Kanoa in the 2017 Dove Women's Spring Football League that concluded last month at the Chacha Oceanview Middle School.

